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Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

I appreciated your leadership this morning at the Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on HB 6848, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence and SB650 An Act Concerning Temporary Restraining Orders.

Thank you for voting for gun safety laws in the past. I am asking you to continue your concern for the safety of victims in highly threatening situations by voting yes on these upcoming bills.

As you know the time a restraining order is issued is the most dangerous time for the one seeking that restraining order. Women in an abusive relationship are five times more likely to be killed if the abuser has access to a firearm. This bill would shorten the time the abuser would have access to a weapon.

Six of us who were present this morning at your hearing are active members of the large Step Up Step Out: End the Culture of Violence group at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. We created this group following the tragic Sandy Hook murders. Since then we have become actively involved in the Hartford community to help stem violence, working with groups like Peacebuilders, Mothers United Against Violence and the Connecticut Center for Non Violence.

We will greatly appreciate your support of these two bills. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Julie Fewster