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Judiciary Committee  
March 11, 2015

Dear Senator Boucher and distinguished Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of the Senate Bill 650, An Act Concerning Temporary Restraining Orders. A person who takes that very bold and scary step of ending an abusive relationship deserves the full support of the law. As a female, as a mother of two daughters, as a sister to three women, I want to know we have done all we can do to ensure guns are no longer part of the equation. Removing guns for the very dangerous two week period between the ex-party restraining order and the court hearing is a logical step.

I am also writing in strong support of House Bill No. 6848, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence. Again, shortening the window between when a person seeks a restraining order and the removal of firearms/ammunition can only serve to protect constituents from rash, irrevocable actions.

In addition, I am writing in strong support of House Bill No. 6962. The preponderance of evidence suggests that gun availability is a huge factor in the high rate of teenage suicide in the US. If someone does not safely store/lock his/her guns and someone takes one and causes injury, it is not an accident. It is negligence and should be prosecuted as such.

CT is a leader in making smart legislative decisions. Let's keep it going and pass all three of these logical bills.

Respectfully Submitted,

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