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## Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc.

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Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Virginia Benedetto. I am a resident of Stratford and I am the Technology Coordinator and a Founding Member of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League. We are the largest Grassroots Pro 2A organization in Connecticut with over 17,000 members to date and I am writing testimony in

**Opposition to:  
HB6962  
AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARM SAFETY**

ALL Firearms that may be used for Home Defense, need to be accessible at a moments notice. Situations where one may need to defend their life and the lives of their loved ones, in most cases, happen in a moments notice. These situations happen quickly and we are not given a "time out" to go and unlock the tool that we need to protect our lives. To think that if this passes, by law we may need to keep our main means of home / self-defense locked up, this scares me!

Being a gun owner and a mother means that I need to know at all times that my self defense weapon is in a safe place. Being in a safe place keeps it out of reach from children or people that have no business touching it, but it is still accessible to me for the purpose of protecting my family.

If this bill passes, the Connecticut State Legislature will be taking HONEST, LAW ABIDING citizens and turning them into FELONS for trying to have immediate access to their self defense TOOL!

**Opposition to:  
SB650 and HB6848**

While I can see the concern of trying to immediately remove access to firearms and ammunition in a situation of a restraining order against a dangerous person, my concern is about false reports of abuse, and restraining orders against people who have not done anything wrong. If passed, these bills would cause someone to immediately lose their protection, even if they were a victim of someone with a vendetta. I would urge you to vote NO on these bills, and allow those that have a restraining order against them due process.

Thank You  
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