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Subject: Oppose SB 650, HB 6848 and HB 6962. Karl Jakobsen--241 Ninth District Road, Somers 06071

To: Members of the Judiciary Committee
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Re: Oppose to SB 650, HB 6848 and HB 6962

Issues:

1. My freedom to provide protection for me and family is hindered to a point of becoming ineffectual due to derelict attempts to limit my 2nd amendment rights.
2. Seconds mean the difference between personal firearm available and attack by home intruder/attacker:
3. Misuse of statistics to fabricate negative arguments for gun right eradication.

SB 650: Current law already provides a mechanism for committing dangerous persons involuntarily in an emergency situation, which already results in the committed person being prohibited from possessing firearms. Furthermore, Connecticut law already provides for "imminent risk warrants" to be issued, allowing law enforcement to seize firearms and ammunition when probable cause exists

HB 6848: Seeks to confiscate legally-acquired firearms and ammunition without due process of the law. In addition HB 6848 does not provide a way for these rights or possessions to be restored.

HB 6962: "Burglar Protection Act," would impose liability and penalties on firearm owners that do not lock up their *unloaded* firearms to prevent any person (not only minors) from potentially accessing the firearm.

Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate that nationally since 1975, the annual number of firearm accident deaths among children ages 0-14 has declined by 87 percent, even as population, the number of gun owners and the number of guns owned have risen substantially.

It is already law in Connecticut that loaded firearms within close proximity to minors must be safely secured.

Households are different and have different needs. HB 6962 would expand the current law to encompass every home, not only those with young children residing in them, and apply to unloaded firearms that

pose no threat to anyone. This one-size fits all approach is a solution to a non-existent problem and is both over-reaching and not based on fact.