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Subject: Re: Support of SB 650, HB6848 and HB6962

Here you go Rhonda....this will make it easier for you:

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To: CT Judiciary Committee

I am not sure if I will be able to attend the committee hearings on Wednesday, March 11th. I wanted to be sure that I notified the CT Judiciary Committee and inform all members that I am in full SUPPORT of the following bills:

- SB650 An Act Concerning Temporary Restraining Orders
- HB6848 An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence
- HB6962 An Act Concerning Firearm Safety

SB650 and HB6848

Allowing a CT court to temporarily suspend firearm ownership privileges from a person facing a temporary restraining order is clearly prudent and a sensible course of action. I am appalled to read about women who are murdered by their partner during volatile periods in their relationship. Police officers certainly understand that domestic disturbances are among the most volatile situations. I would hope that it is apparent that firearm possession during such emotional periods can easily turn a tense situation deadly. As a father of two girls, I can only imagine the stress of knowing that a young man facing a temporary restraining order is able to maintain possession of firearms.

HB6962

I am a 54 year old registered Republican that enjoys hunting. I am certainly not "anti-gun" but I do support common sense measures that legislate responsible firearm ownership. When I was a young teenager, I was able to get access to my older brother's 12 gauge shotgun and ammo. Growing up I lived on a piece of property that bordered a Westchester County park called, Cranberry Lake. Accompanied by 3 friends, I walked to Cranberry Lake and began an extraordinarily reckless afternoon of unsupervised target shooting. To this day I am thankful that no one was injured. I am certain that had my brother (and parents) been legally liable for securing their firearm, I would not have been able to put myself and others at risk. Requiring gun owners to secure their firearms is clearly part of the responsibility of firearm ownership.

Thank you for your consideration on this important topic
Pete Muckell