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Testimony by Antonio Riera MD in Support of

Raised Bill No. 6962, "**AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARM SAFETY.**"

Proposed Bill No. 650 "**AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS**"

Governor's Bill No. 6848 "**AN ACT PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**"

Judiciary Committee

March 11, 2015

Submitted by Antonio Riera MD

Senator Coleman Representative Tong and distinguished Committee Members:

I write to you as a supporter of the following bills:

- 1.) Raised Bill No. 6962, "**AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARM SAFETY.**"
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As a pediatric emergency department physician and father, I am beyond dissatisfied with the pervasive tragic events that children and other vulnerable populations in Connecticut experience related to reckless gun violence. The above Bills that are being proposed should strengthen our State's ability to protect these at-risk groups. These bills are a step in the right direction and will add much needed protections to children, adolescents and other innocent citizens of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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