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My name is Joseph D. Van Gorder and I would like to address the proposed bill 650. I hope this is the correct means of voicing my opinion as I have never tried to voice my opinion to the committee as a whole. I am a union journeyman power lineman with local 42 and a law abiding, tax paying member of this state. I hold in high regard the laws put in place to protect the people of CT as I do the legal system we utilize to write and enforce them. Laws should be created with the best interest of the people at heart and with the United States Constitution as not a suggestive source but as an ABSOLUTE DIRECTIVE as to how laws are to be created and enforced. This proposed bill does not fall into those categories. While you may think this is in the best interest of the people, I assure you it will hurt more lives than it helps. The salem witch trials should be a lesson in how one vindictive person (when given the means) can destroy another person's life, or in that case take a life. I see this being used more as a weapon itself than the weapons you are trying to confiscate. I think any legal gun owner you ask would agree that there are times when guns should be removed from the equation, but only with due process, and a chance to verify there is a danger in the first place. If the system in place is taking too long, then find a way to speed up that process so the possible victim doesn't have to so long for hearing. Please don't destroy the foundation laid out for us in the constitution to achieve a "quick fix" for a broken system.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please consider what's at stake.

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