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To the Judiciary Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT

RE: Proposed Bill HB6848 An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence

Position: OPPOSED

Dear Committee Members,

Please allow this document to serve as testimony in opposition to the referenced bill.

This bill strips the constitutional right to due process. In more than one section the words **'and an opportunity to be heard'** are removed from this proposed legislation. Our justice system is founded on the presumption of innocence until proof of guilt is established. This legislation presumes the opposite.

In addition, the bill denies the right of the accused to transfer his/her personal property to his/her lawful person of choice. If at some point it is established that an individual has lost their right to possess firearms that person should never be denied the opportunity to designate a guardian of that personal property and the right to sell at fair market value. There is no provision for compensation in this bill.

I encourage you to be mindful of your oath of office and your responsibility to equally and impartially serve those who have elected you.

Respectfully,  
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