

March 10, 2015

To Members of the Judiciary committee:

I write in opposition to the below:

Raised Bill – 6962 An act Concerning Firearm Safety –This bill in its entirety is vague, no permitting is required to own a firearm nor to possess a firearm in ones home. This proposed bill is so vague, it gives no definition of who would be considered the owner of the firearm, who would be responsible, and as a result, it will still result in criminal prosecution due to actions not committed by the owner (or in the wording “person”). Current law already defines and regulates access by minors, and “prohibited persons”. This legislation opens this to “any” firearm, loaded or unloaded, being accessed by “any” person legally or not. That in itself violates Constitutional protection.

Many residents for one reason or another, do not possess permits to possess pistols and revolvers, there is also no permit for possession of a rifle or shotgun. There are countless numbers of firearms currently in the State possessed legally, that there is no definitive answer of who is the “owner”, this can be from previously owned long guns, residents who’ve moved here from other states among other things. In addition, many spouses, have access to firearms; these persons may not have their name on the sales receipts, commonly used by DESPP to “register” firearms.

I am an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor, my spouse has been trained, meets the requirements to legally possess a firearm in our home. She should not need to go put her name on a sales receipt or to get permission and a permit from the state (to buy that firearm in her name) merely to protect herself in our home; this is an unreasonable and monetary burden that is not necessary. This legislation would effectively make me a criminal should she have to defend herself in our home and used a firearm I purchased.

This legislation is inspired by the Newtown School Shooting; I ask you, even if passed, what charges would Nancy Lanza be charged with? NONE, she was killed by a madman on a mission. Once again we have legislation before us that is being done under the guise of safety, but would have had no bearing on the Newtown Tragedy.

These among many other reasons you will hear today are why this bill should not proceed.

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