

Dear Senators and Representatives,

**I am writing in opposition to Raised Bill No 6962 An Act Concerning Firearm Safety.**

The existing law is more than adequate and needs no revision.

The proposed changes to Section 1. Section 29-37i, Sec. 2. Section 52-571g and Sec. 3. Section 53a-217a would make the statute overly broad, vague and unduly burdensome.

At a minimum there should be exemptions for access by permission of the person and exemptions for legal self defense uses.

As proposed the law could result in felony charges for a husband if the wife uses the husband's gun for legal self defense. In addition "person" fails to take into consideration whether the "person" (a) has a valid reason for the possession or use or (b) has the owners permission.

The overly broad language would result in the following:

1. A husband and wife could not share a gun safe as it would allow access by another person.
2. A family member would be unable to use a firearm for lawful self defense in the home if they were not the owner.

The changes to Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 29-38c put the burden of proof on the state. The state should be required to prove that the person still poses a risk or the possessions should be returned.

Thank you

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