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Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence: Governor's Bill no. HBO6848

AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARM SAFETY: Connecticut House Bill 6962

I oppose both these bills based on the following: In 1868, the 14th amendment was ratified by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states. This amendment forbids any state to deny any person "life, liberty or property, without due process of law" or to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws"

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There are already laws on the books that cover these areas. It is a shame how back door economic gun control is placed at every chance there is. From the Connecticut State's own Family Violence Report, only 1% of the violence was identified as using guns. What law is going to cover the other 99% where knives, hands, feet, or other weapons are used?

This bill should not go any further without looking at the real cause and actions to address domestic violence. VOTE NO on these bills.

An Act Concerning Temporary Restraining Orders: Connecticut Senate Bill 650

In the last 10 years, 2 people that I know (one relative and one friend's son) were defendants on ex parte temporary restraining orders. In both cases, the plaintiff used these as tools to move into their new boyfriend's house. In either case, no police reports were ever filed on domestic abuse. One case, the plaintiff had a history of using ex parte temporary restraining order in every breakup that she had. The other case, on the affidavit describes time and place of the incident to prompt such action, she was traveling between Connecticut and Virginia via plane. In both cases the defendant's attorney presented evidence in court showing that both plaintiff perjury themselves. The defendants both spent large sums on attorney's fees to clear their names and reputation.

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Legislators took an oath to defend the Constitution and to carry out their duties under the supreme law, the Constitution. Passing these bills violates that oath and the protection that the Constitution provides the citizens of this state and country. VOTE no on this bill.

The people of this State, time after time in polls taken have stated that there is no more need for additional gun control measures. The latest is the Rep-AM poll, the question was posed: "If a gunowner fails to secure his weapon and it is stolen and then used to commit a crime, should the gunowner be held responsible?" 73% of the citizens said no.