

Testimony for the Judiciary Committee on March 11, 2015

My name is Jennifer Gleason, and I am a resident of Waterbury CT. I am also a member of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League (CCDL).

I strongly oppose all three of these bills present here today.

Proposed Bill No. 650 – An act concerning temporary restraining orders.

Position: **STRONGLY OPPOSED**

This proposed bill clearly violates the concept and idea of Due Process, but furthermore, it actually negatively impacts public safety as well. This would mean that an abuser (domestic violence) would only have to file a TRO and the government will disarm the other person (victim) leaving the abuser to inflict violence on the now defenseless victim. The victim may have been armed and ready to defend themselves causing the abuser to file that TRO to disarm the victim. Currently, that victim would have had the opportunity to correct the record on who is a threat to who during the 14 day hearing. With this proposed bill in place, the victim is now defenseless for 14 days at one of the most critical times of a domestic dissolution.

Raised Bill 6962 – An Act Concerning Firearms Safety

Position: **STRONGLY OPPOSED**

I am a single mother and I own firearms because it is my right to protect my children and myself. In the event I have to defend myself or my children while I am in my home, I may not have the time to open my safe while a home invasion may be taking place. Those few seconds can cost the life of myself or my children. I have safety measures in place so my children cannot access any functioning firearms. I also continue to educate myself and my children on firearm safety. I simply do not understand how it is ok to tell people how they must store their private property behind the locked doors of their home. Do we want to live in a land where police raid your home and take your property on an accusation, and then you are guilty until proven innocent?

Governors Bill 6848 - AN ACT PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Position: **STRONGLY OPPOSED**

Confiscation without representation at a hearing of any kind is simply unconstitutional and leaves a victim's life at risk when the government disarms the victim based on a TRO filed by a potentially malicious domestic abuser who intends on doing harm. One's rights to protect themselves should not be taken away based off the word of another person. In no way do I see this bill as protection to anyone.

“Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state”.