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Dear CT Judiciary Committee

The United Methodist Church has a long history of supporting measures to reduce gun related violence in our society. Our stance on this issue can be found at http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/gun-violence.

While we were not able to attend the recent hearing, we are in full support of the following bills:

- SB650 An Act Concerning Temporary Restraining Orders
- HB6848 An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence
- HB6962 An Act Concerning Firearm Safety

SB650 and HB6848
Enabling the court to suspend firearm ownership privileges from those facing restraining orders is clearly prudent and a sensible course of action. There are many instances of individuals being harmed or killed by their partner during volatile periods in their relationship. Domestic disturbances can be among the most violent and firearm possession during such emotional periods can easily have deadly consequences.

HB6962
We believe that requiring gun owners to secure their firearms is clearly part of the responsibility of firearm ownership.

Sincerely, Ross

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