

Testimony in Support
of Auden Grogins' Nomination
to State Superior Court Judge

January 16, 2015

Automatic weapons have no place in the hands of civilians in our society. We have so many people, particularly children, dying from gun violence, whether by accident or by being an outright victim of violence. Resolution conflict in our nation has devolved to ending in murder in our country and this is specifically and directly related to the proliferation and easy access to firearms. There have been countless studies about countries with strict gun control regulations who having significantly less gun deaths while the US remains an unfortunate leader in this race to the bottom. We all need to do better and Auden Grogins is on the correct side of this issue in fighting for what her constituents demanded and representing them at the legislature.

Furthermore, although I agree wholeheartedly with the the gun control legislation passed here in CT, Ms. Grogins should not be judged on simply one issue in any event. Her years of service to her community as a State Representative, her years of experience as a practicing lawyer and her overall character should be criteria by which she is reviewed and considered to be a judge. Being one of Ms. Grogins' constituents for years and knowing her personally, I can attest to her integrity, dedication to her professional career in law and the countless hours she has spent in making things better here in Bridgeport and ultimately in CT. She was on the forefront of stopping human trafficking in Bridgeport by shuttering illegal massage parlors and beefing up anti-blight and nuisance laws. In addition to all of her work at the legislature, she has volunteered countless hours of her own personal time coordinating fundraising and shining a light on animal rights. It is for all of the above reasons I believe strongly that Ms. Grogins should be nominated to serve as a CT Superior Court Judge.

Thank you.

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