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Thank you,

Bob Ferguson

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Dear members of the Judiciary Committee:

Our country is founded on the basis of individual liberty. These liberties are enshrined in the Bill of Rights in our Constitution, which serves to protect their erosion FROM government action. These rights are not actually granted by government but are intended to be *protected* by the government. The constitution also lays out a relatively complicated framework that is filled with checks and balances between the three branches. One of the most important and final checks on government power is in the judiciary.

ALL of you took an oath last week to "uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States." I want you to seriously consider what that oath means when you are considering the nomination of Auden Grogins as a Superior Court Judge. When you swear to "uphold and defend" the words of a document, that means that you will do everything in your power to prevent its harm or deterioration. Unfortunately, Auden Grogins' actions in the House of Representatives emphatically prove that she has no concept of the meaning of the words "uphold and defend" when it comes to individual liberties.

Many people here today will testify today that Grogins is unfit to be a Superior Court Judge because of her vote in favor of the gun control bill passed in 2013, PA 13-3, which she co-sponsored. It would be nice if her lack of judgment was confined to that one vote, but that is FAR from being the case. She has introduced or sponsored 10 bills that were direct attacks on one of the rights that she took an oath to uphold every session. She has in fact sponsored several bills that were based on totally false political narratives and outright lies. If swearing an oath can mean so little to Mrs. Grogins, how can we possibly expect her to justly apply the laws made by the Connecticut legislature?

Grogins has sided against individual liberty in virtually every vote she has taken as a representative. She received a score of ZERO from the Yankee Institute in 2012, long before her vote against the 2nd Amendment in 2013. While a low score for Grogins is not necessarily surprising, a score of zero reflects the fact that she NEVER ONCE voted in favor of the power of individual liberty to improve lives but always sided with a big-government, centrally-planned approach. This mindset is in direct opposition to the very basis of the U.S. Constitution.

Is THIS actually what the residents of Connecticut deserve when we talk about the checks and balances of the judiciary? Many legislators made the choice of favoring emotions or personal agendas when it came to voting for PA 13-3. Although it is clear that this was a law passed targeting the individual liberties of law-abiding gun owners rather than focusing on the criminal acts of a deranged individual. I implore you to not double-down on that mistake and ask that you REJECT the nomination of Auden Grogins for Superior Court Judge.

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