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To: JudTestimony
Cc: Rep. Lesser, Matthew; Senator Bartolomeo
Subject: Judiciary Committee Testimony

Dear Judiciary Committee members;

I'm a resident of Connecticut and wish to voice my opposition to the following raised bills:

This bill in particular, H.B. 5054 'AN ACT PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE', I find most egregious, on a personal level.

After making a blog post about a neighbor's dogs constantly barking and the Middletown Animal Control officer's failure to act on my complaints, my neighbor (who was never mentioned in the blog post, seen here, <http://www.middletowninsider.com/2016/01/complaints-to-animal-control-leave.html>) filed an application for an ex parte protective order against me *as a form of revenge*.

In her application, she made totally false and outrageous charges against me. Upon hearing the testimony of the parties, and seeing the documentation that I presented, the judge dismissed the application. **(In 2015, 37% of all ex parte temporary restraining orders were found not to be valid after the hearing.)**

Had this bill been in effect at the time, I would have been required to surrender my property, without the benefit of due process of law and based solely on the unsubstantiated claims of the applicant.

While having those false claims made against me was a very stressful and disruptive experience, having to surrender my property and my permit to carry would have made a bad situation even worse, and been a further waste of time and resources for the police department.

H.B. 5623 'AN ACT CONCERNING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING'

H.B. 5622 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ERASED RECORDS IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PERSON IS A SUITABLE PERSON TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER'

S.B. 429 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE OF RESTRAINING ORDERS'

I ask that all members of the committee not support these bills.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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