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Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2016 7:35 PM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Support HB 5054, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence and SB 429 An Act Concerning Service of Restraining Orders

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security,

I am a registered Republican, a veteran of the Persian Gulf War and the parent of 2 young children in Norwalk, CT. I am writing to voice my strong support for HB 5054, An Act Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence and SB 429 An Act Concerning Service of Restraining Orders. I am a strong supporter of common sense gun regulation and public safety. I am completely outraged at those who block reform – namely the gun lobby, the gun industry, their bought and paid for representatives and those with an absolutist gun fetish.

The issue of domestic violence deeply troubles me. Too often we read of violence and tragedies affecting families, women and children. These incidents involve the far too easy access to and prevalence of guns in our society. I truly believe these Bills are a common sense way of preventing violence, safeguarding lives and upholding the rights of everyone. I do not agree with the absolutist Second Amendment view that results in far too many preventable tragedies. If you don't agree with me just read the firsthand accounts of domestic violence victims. As a citizen I expect the Law to safeguard our lives and liberty. These Bills are a way to accomplish this.

We can endlessly wrangle over gun violence and be held hostage to Second Amendment Absolutists. I for one say it is long past time to stand up for our rights – the right to live safely and go about our family business without the tyranny and fear of gun violence. No one should be held hostage by a man with a gun who refuses to respect the rights of others.

I will not support any candidate or party that opposes these Bills.
Please uphold Connecticut's strong protections against gun violence by voting "yes" to bring HB 5054 and SB 429 to the full General Assembly for an up or down vote.

Thank you,

Mr. Scott Schweizer

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