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Testimony presented to the Judiciary Committee

In OPPOSITION to Raised Bill No. 5622 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ERASED RECORDS IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PERSON IS A SUITABLE PERSON TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER

By Robert T. Crook, Director

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Logically records erased were accomplished for some reason. We question why these records should be available to permit to carry a pistol or revolver issuing authorities:

“or (3) to a municipality's chief of police or selectman or to a warden of a borough of the municipality, as the case may be, for the sole purpose of determining whether a person who is the subject of such records is a suitable person to carry a pistol or revolver pursuant to section 29-28, or to the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners for the sole purpose of determining an appeal by such person concerning such suitability pursuant to section 29-32b. Such disclosure of such records is subject also to any records destruction program pursuant to which the records may have been destroyed.”

Since Suitability is the sole criteria, a concern is that some issuing authorities may use this data, much of which is probably antiquated, to deny a permit further exacerbating the Board of Firearms Permit Examiner's over 2 year appeals process waiting period.

This bill also appears contrary to Raised Bill No. 454 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2016/TOB/s/2016SB-00454-R00-SB.htm> which will be soon heard by this committee

We urge Rejection. Thank you.