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Dear Judiciary Committee members;

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

H.B. 5054 'AN ACT PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE'

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 am a single mother and working professional with a Master's degree in business. I am also a competitive sport shooter in IDPA and an NRA certified permit instructor and range safety officer.

One thing that sets me aside from other firearms instructors is that I have never taken payment or any compensation for teaching firearm safety. I work with women who are new to firearms, may have firearms in their homes due to their spouses being law enforcement or just need more information on whether or not they want a firearm. More specifically, we talk in great length about firearm safety and storage if they have small children in their homes.

Not only do I do all of my work on a volunteer basis, but it at a considerable personal expense. I carry a multi-million dollar liability policy that I am not required to. My point is that there are law aiding people who commit significant time, money and energy to serving their communities and promoting firearm safety. There are over 300 million firearms in the United States. It is important that women who are exposed to firearms understand how to safely use and handle them.

If a bill such as HB5054, were to pass and a person were to make a complaint against someone like me without due process, it can prevent me from doing the work I do in the community.

I ask that all members of the committee not support these bills. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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