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To: pstestimony
Subject: Please Support HB 5408, Presentation of Carry Permits

To members of the Public Safety and Security Committee of the CT Legislature:

My name is Abbey Clements. I am a Newtown resident and a former Sandy Hook School teacher and I survived the tragedy on 12/14/12.

I urge you to support HB 5408, which requires persons who carry handguns in public to have their permits on their person at all times and to show those permits when requested by police. Why should anyone in Connecticut--from this town, in particular--have to determine whether a person with a gun is a good guy or not? This bill would make shopping a little less stressful for myself, my family, my neighbors, and all Connecticut residents.

The open carrying of handguns generates fear and intimidation in families out shopping. Imagine you're in the grocery store and someone is walking around open carrying a handgun. The ability to refuse to show a permit when requested by a policeman can turn a scary situation into absolute fear in a flash. I mean, 90 people are killed by a gun everyday in this country. Shouldn't we try everything we can to alleviate fear that we might be next?

The approval of this bill is critical in honoring the public's right to shop without fear of being shot and killed by a person openly carrying a handgun. HB 5408 would give us a little peace of mind.

Sincerely,
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