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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2016 12:03 PM  
**To:** pstestimony  
**Cc:** Sen. McLachlan, Michael; zRepresentative Richard Smith  
**Subject:** HB 5408, I urge that you reject this bill

Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

Please Reject House Bill 5408, 'Presentation of Carry Permits'

I would like to add my voice to those testifying against HB 5408, which requires persons who carry handguns in public to show those permits when requested by police WITHOUT any indication that a crime is being (or has been) committed.

The Right to (Keep and) Bear arms is guaranteed by both the US and the CT Constitutions and is critical to the continuation of a safe and free society.

Peace Officers already have the right to question a person to determine if a crime has likely been committed, if they believe that one has, they then have the right to ask them for their CT Pistol Permit. Likewise, the police are not permitted to stop a car without a reasonable suspicion of a crime or infraction.

The mere presence of a firearm, whether open or concealed (much like the mere act of driving a car), certainly doesn't rise to the level of a crime.

Absent an articulable reason, or reasonable suspicion, privacy should be guaranteed.

This bill is a poorly worded solution in search of a problem, and one which sets a dangerous precedent of eliminating the requirement for probable cause.

Please reject it.

Sincerely,

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