

**Hobart, Jamie**

---

**From:** Ilene Coman <birdygl@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2016 6:45 PM  
**To:** pstestimony  
**Subject:** In Support of HB5408 An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit.

Dear Public Safety Committee members, I am writing in support of HB 5408, allowing police to ask for proof of permit to carry guns in public. It's legal to stop cars for safety checks, why wouldn't it be as appropriate to ask people openly carrying guns for their permit? I know that some people are purposely enticing police and people to notice they have a gun, just to refuse to show it, and to film these situations, to show how they are able to get away with refusing. There are way too many guns out in the public, some with permits, some not. I want the police to have the option to ask for a carry permit, especially when people call 911 or contact them about an individual in a store, restaurant, or elsewhere, flaunting a gun on their person. Knowing already that there is a gun on that person, police should be able to track the person with the weapon and ask for their permit since they are supposed to have it on them whenever carrying a gun. Making this into a game, like many gun owners with open carrying permits have been doing, is a travesty. Every single day people in CT are killed by guns, whether intentionally or not, whether legal or not. It is reasonable for police in their quest to protect people, to have the right to ask to see a carry permit. The issue is way too serious to ignore the fear that the public has when they see someone strutting around with a gun on them.

I realize that the NRA is calling on residents to oppose this Bill. Please listen to the public on this issue.

Respectfully,  
Ilene Coman  
East Haddam, CT