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Subject: Support HB 5408

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security,

I am writing to ask you to **SUPPORT** the passage of HB 5408, *An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit*.

As the bill's Statement of Purpose explains, I believe it is common sense "To require the holder of a permit for the carrying of any pistol or revolver to present such permit upon request of a law enforcement officer."

Police cannot adequately protect public safety if they have to wait for "reasonable suspicion" before asking to see a valid carry permit. By that time it may be too late.

I imagine the opposition to this bill will be dominated by complaints of restricting Second Amendment rights. But as the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia wrote in DC v. Heller, "the Second Amendment right is not unlimited. For example, concealed weapons prohibitions have been upheld under the Amendment or state analogues."

If the Constitution allows prohibiting concealed weapons, surely it allows law enforcement to legally ask to see a firearm carry permit – whose purpose is to ensure that only "good guys" carry guns in public.

Please uphold Connecticut's strong protections against gun violence by voting "yes" to bring HB 5408 to the full General Assembly for an up or down vote.

Thank you.

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