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From: Jefferson Kolle <kolle1@comcast.net>
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To: pstestimony
Subject: I support HB 5408 and SB 20

Dear Public Safety and Security Committee:

I ask the Connecticut General Assembly to support HB 5408, "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". HB 5408 will clearly eliminate conflicting interpretations of the current law.

I believe openly carrying firearms in public places is a public safety issue and in my town of Bethel CT, (five miles from Newtown, CT), it raises significant concern since our community is still in the process of recovering from the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Law enforcement officers should be able to ask gun owners who are openly carrying a potentially lethal weapon to produce their pistol permit.

In addition, I also support SB 20 which will reduce the definition of carrying a firearm when intoxicated by reducing the prohibited ratio of alcohol in the blood to eight-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol. The current standard defines the prohibited blood level ratio at ten-hundredths of 1%. Eight-hundredths of 1% would be consistent with the driving while intoxicated standard.

I oppose HB 5409 which would take away the right of police chiefs to ask for additional documents, in addition to the basic application, to determine the suitability of a person seeking a permit to carry handguns in public.

Thank you for your consideration.

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