

March 3, 2016

**Public Safety and Security Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT**

Email at [PStestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:PStestimony@cga.ct.gov)

Email cc at [ron@cagv.org](mailto:ron@cagv.org)

**H.B. No. 5408 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT**

**H.B. No. 5409 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR A REVOLVER**

**S.B. No. 20 AN ACT CONCERNING CARRYING A FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL**

Dear Legislators:

As an Interfaith Leader in Greater Hartford I want to express my concerns for not only the safety of myself but for many who seek peace and protection for the welfare of the whole community.

I support HB 5408 which I understand would clearly authorize police to require persons openly carrying handguns in public to produce their permit. Right now, police can only ask to see permits if there is reasonable suspicion of a crime. I understand that recently, many of the safe gun legislative supporters have witnessed persons openly carrying guns in stores while shopping.

Many of you are aware of situations such as the Subway in Bridgeport or the WalMart in Hartford where persons openly carrying firearms refused to show their permits at the request of police. I feel strongly that persons carrying handguns in public, who are required to have their permits on their person at all times, should be required to show those permits when requested by police in order to verify that they have a valid permit. **HB 5408 will clearly eliminate conflicting interpretations of the law.**

I oppose HB 5409 as I understand this is a bill that 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.

I 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 appreciate the opportunity to help move Connecticut into a more safe and equitable future for all.

Thank you.

Jody Wynn Rodiger  
71 Church Street  
Manchester, CT 06040  
[jwrodiger@gmail.com](mailto:jwrodiger@gmail.com)  
cell 860-951-6394