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My name is John Gold. I'm from Lebanon, CT, and have been a CT resident all of my life. Please consider the ramifications of this proposed bill. The proposed bill only expands police power to violate law abiding citizens' rights. It is not general practice for drug dealers and criminals to open carry firearms. That would be counter productive for them. So the only targets of this bill are the Constitutionally protected people who have the right to open carry legal firearms and have gone through the legal process to exercise that right. I believe that the police need the proper tools at their disposal to conduct their work efficiently. In this case, expanding their powers to make it legal for them to violate our Fourth Amendment right without suspicion of a crime is one step closer to becoming a police state. At this time in history, when it is highlighted nationally on an almost daily basis of police abusing their power, violating citizens' rights, resulting in police arrests, indictments and sometimes riots, I can't believe that someone would propose a bill that gives the police the power to violate the citizens constitutional rights. Just because it is common practice for police to do so, is not justification to make it law. The solution is training the police to conduct their duties within the Constitution.

I urge you not to pass Bill 5408.

Thank you,
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