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From: Laura Baldwin <spycat24@yahoo.com>
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To: pstestimony
Subject: HB 5408

Dear Public Safety and Security Committee,

As a citizen of Connecticut I strongly feel 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. Otherwise why even require a permit?

If I was fishing and a game warden requested to see my fishing license, I would need to produce it. It's not enough for me to say, "Yeah, I've got one, it's valid, now leave me alone".

Many citizens are frightened to see another individual openly carrying a gun in public places. People understand that the design and function of a gun is to kill. How can the citizens of Connecticut be assured that an individual carrying a gun publicly has the knowledge and skill level to manage that gun safely? Requiring open carry permit holders to produce a permit testifying to that, if requested to by police is not unreasonable. What is unreasonable is for the citizens of Connecticut to be expected to assume all people openly carrying a handgun are skilled on the proper use, and safe handling of that weapon.

Sincerely,
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