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## **Public Safety and Security Committee**

March 3, 2016 Public Hearing

HB 5408 AAC THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT  
Comments by Jane Eyes – LWVCT Director Social Policy

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The League of Women Voters of Connecticut is a nonpartisan, statewide organization committed to effective public policy, the active involvement of citizens in their government and increasing the understanding of major public policy issues.

The League has supported strong measures to protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. We advocated for CT's 1994 assault weapons ban, the 2007 law mandating the reporting of a theft or loss of a firearm, and the provisions of the 2013 Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety Act and in 2015, the Safe Storage Act.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on HB 5408, a bill that would 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.

It is reported that increasingly, persons are carrying handguns openly in public and in stores in Connecticut. This is very intimidating to shoppers. It is additionally alarming to learn that, unless there is reasonable suspicion of a crime, a police officer on the scene is not allowed to see the permit of the person to insure that the permit is valid.

HB 5408 would require the permit to be shown upon request of the officer. This is a common sense solution that would alleviate tension between the officer, the permit holder, and the public who witness the encounter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

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