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Subject: Regarding HB 5408, 5409 and SB 20

To the members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

The first question a police officer asks when pulling your car over is for your license and registration. Why on earth would we not apply the same requirement to people carrying handguns in public? Regarding HB 5408: carrying a gun in public requires responsible behavior, and there should be no question that presenting a permit when requested by a police officer should be a basic requirement. Also, I oppose HB 5409 that would take away police chief's right to ask for additional documentation to determine whether a person is vetted to carry a handgun.

In addition, I support SB 20 which will lower the blood/alcohol ratio to eight-hundredths of 1% for carrying a firearm when intoxicated, also in keeping with DUI standards.

My comment on these bills reflect common sense and how critical these decisions are to public safety. If residents are going to be allowed to enter businesses and walk around in public armed, they should be required to prove they are doing so legally and that they are not a threat to people around them. Requiring proper vetting and safety measures keep Connecticut residents safe. We see how Connecticut's safe gun laws are working to reduce gun violence- please make sure to represent the majority of the residents in this state.

Thank you,

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