

To members of the Public Safety and Security Committee of the CT  
Legislature:

I wanted to voice my support for HB 5408, which requires persons who carry handguns in public to have their permits on their person at all times and to show those permits when requested by police.

The open carrying of handguns, in my opinion, generates fear and intimidation among many members of the public. An individual's refusal to show their permit when requested by a policeman goes even further in instilling fear.

The approval of this bill is critical in honoring the public's right to shop, live, and go about their business in a climate of relative safety and security.

Sincerely,

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