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Subject: Public Safety Committee, Thursday, March 3, 2016, 11:00 AM in Room 1C

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Michael E Festa; have had a valid pistol permit from Connecticut since 1994. I believe the permitting process is fair and balanced and ensures every person having a sound mind the opportunity of exercising their second amendment right to keep and bear arms.

I understand, certain people desire to argue with law enforcement by refusing to present a valid permit upon request. I also understand the majority of gun permit holders have no issue presenting their permit upon request. I like many find this request reasonable. Because of certain individuals are unable to support the spirit of cooperation and reasonableness of this request, I would support language in the law that would support this request by law enforcement.

Specifically the language as follows: "police may only stop a person and demand to see their permit when the officer has reasonable suspicion of a crime". I support this language in your committee addressing this need and believe it would balance giving the permit holder and the police the mutual tools they need to accommodate the best public safety interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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Sincerely,
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