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Subject: Please Support HB 5408, Presentation of Carry Permits

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

I want to support for public safety by supporting HB 5408, requiring persons carrying handguns in public to have their permits on their person at all times with the express purpose of presenting the permit to a law enforcement officer upon their request.

Understand, I am a gun owner and my concern is for public safety. Will we learn nothing from the incident in Colorado Springs. The gunning down of innocent civilians after a woman placed a 911 call to report a man openly carrying a firearm –which is legal in CO- was told nothing the police could do because it was legal. Within 10 minutes after the call the legally carrying gun owner opened fire claiming his first kill. It wasn't until people died that LEO's could get involved. We citizens of CT do not want to repeat the mistakes of CO. By the time police got involved it was too late. Had they been allowed to approach the man they may have picked up on a "red flag", instincts officers hone with experience. If we learn nothing from the CO incident then we are doomed to repeat it.

Another area of contention is the misnomer that "an armed society is a polite society", it most certainly is not polite, it is intimidation on the part of the gun owner openly carrying a weapon. Again we see this played out in TX where they have passed open carry on College campuses. Recently a power point presentation was sent to University of Houston encouraging that professors not engage in controversial topics. Encouraging open discussion, exchange of ideas and debate among students and professors prepares students for the future and exposes them to cultural values and mores that would broaden their critical thinking skills. Discouraging professors and students from open discussion on sensitive topics is not preparing young adult students for the future, this is middle school, "play nice in the sand box" kind of teaching. ...summing it up, rocking the boat could get you killed. The presentation should have been named "How Not to Get Shot by Your Student".

When an individual refuses to show a permit that in and of itself should send up red flags. As mentioned, I am a gun owner, I was raised with guns in a hunting and military family. I see no reason for our state to look like martial law because some folks are scared to go anywhere without a gun. That in and of itself says much about the gun totting open carrier.

Please support HB 5408 for the good of the public, for the good our law enforcement and for the good of our state. Let's not repeat the incident in CO and the insanity of TX.

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Sincerely,

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