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Dear Members of the CT Legislative Public Safety Committee:

My name is Herbert Furhman of Gaylordsville, CT.

I am a CT Police Academy POST certified firearms instructor, and 30-year retired police officer. I have served 23 years under the CT State Police Resident Trooper System, the State Department of Correction and the Parole Division. I have been a certified firearm instructor for many years. I currently instruct police officers, federal agents, military, armed security officers, bail enforcement agents and the public at large, from youth to adults.

**I ask you to address an omission in CGS Raised Bill 5409. It is a major public safety issue.**

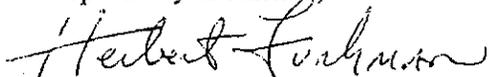
**Section 1. (b) (3) "An Act Concerning Application Requirement for A Temporary State Permit to Carry a Pistol or a Revolver," Raised Bill 5409, as proposed has dropped the statute's current language "OR AN INSTRUCTOR CERTIFIED BY THE STATE."**

**It is imperative to clarify the language of this section so that CT Police Academy P.O.S.T. Certified firearm instructors and CT State Police certified firearm instructors are clearly identified in the statute as authorized instructors for the purpose of continuing to teach and issue the required certificate of completion for a course in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers.**

P.O.S.T. firearm instructors and CT State Police firearm instructors are the professionals in the field of firearms, safety and the law. As such, the completion certificates issued following their firearm safety classes in the classroom and live-fire programs on the firing range should be accepted by chief of police authorities and first selectmen in resident trooper towns as part of the firearm permit application.

**Therefore I ask you to retain the original language: "OR AN INSTRUCTOR CERTIFIED BY THE STATE or A CERTIFIED POLICE INSTRUCTOR" in Raised Bill 5409 and that the resulting public act take effect immediately upon signing.**

Respectfully submitted,



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