Governor's H.B. No. 7027 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.'

Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Formica, Representative Ziobron, and members of the Appropriations Committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

I'm alarmed at Governor Malloy's attack on Connecticut residents who have or choose to get a pistol permit.

This proposed rate hike of over 400% is nothing short of a push to limit permit holders to the wealthy. I urge that you **OPPOSE** Section 48 (T1854) and Section 58 (T1938) of H.B. 7027 that would support the Governor's proposed pistol permit rate increase. By appropriating the funds received from the rate increases you will be supporting the pistol permit and application fee increases.
If passed this would mean an over 850% fee increase for pistol permit holders over the last five years. Currently, the cost of Connecticut pistol permits is already triple the national average.

I urge that you **do not support** any more attacks on the law-abiding gun owners of this state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ryan C. Bergeron
Willimantic, Connecticut