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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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Senate Bill #60 - Presentation of a Carry Permit
Senate Bill #940 - Carrying in State Parks and Forests
House Bill #5227 - Regulations by Municipalities
House Bill #5870 - Transfer of Assault Weapons and Magazines
House Bill #7218 - Safe Storage in the Home
House Bill #7219 - Ghost Guns
House Bill #7223 - Storage in a Vehicle

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dom Basile and I sit on the Executive Committee of the Connecticut
Citizens Defense League (CCDL). I respectfully ask that you SUPPORT the
following legislation:

- **S.B. 940**-Because my right to life shouldn’t end whenever I cross a
  boundary line and enter into a State Park or Forest, nor do I change into a
different person. *I am the same vetted and licensed person as I
was before.*

- **H.B. 5227**-Because the confusing and conflicting myriad of various
  municipal regulations can easily *entrap a law abiding citizen.*

- **H.B. 5870**-Because only those citizens that are grandfathered, by
  registering themselves and submitting thumbprints to the CT State Police
by January 1, 2014, would be eligible. *Nor would it add to the finite
supply of firearms and magazines registered and declared.*
I respectfully request that you **OPPOSE** the following legislation:

- **S.B. 60**-Because *this does away with the presumption of innocence*, which is the very bedrock unto which our entire legal system is based upon and therefore presents the opportunity for law enforcement to supersede their limited powers.

- **H.B. 7218**-Because this Bill is reactive rather than proactive and does nothing for safety. *Ironically, in order for this Bill to obtain its objective of doling out punishment, someone has to get hurt first.* A better alternative would be to offer tax credits on the purchase of a gun safe and to reinstate the education component.

- **H.B. 7219**-Because this Bill is plagued with onerous language. It does not define what an unfinished receiver is, nor does it address all of the legally owned, unserialized, pre-’68 firearms that are in the hands of collectors and enthusiasts. *You cannot pass legislation to un-invent something. In doing so you will be following the same failed business model as Prohibition.* You will be taking something that lawful citizens, hobbyists and enthusiasts enjoy doing and driving it underground.

- **H.B. 7223**-Because this Bill is completely unworkable. It will create accelerated amounts of public panic, calls to 9-1-1, and an added strain on our police departments; *all because a good citizen was just trying to follow the law.*

I thank you for your time and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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