March 7, 2019

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, ranking members Kessel and Hebimbas and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Margaret Challe. I am from New Canaan, CT. I am with CT Against Gun Violence.


Gun-related violence including homicide, assault with a deadly weapon, and suicide, or attempted suicide could decrease, if not be eliminated if we had stronger gun laws.

Since moving to the state in 2002, I have witnessed my country and state be part of avoidable gun violence. I’ve have seen the devastating effect of Newtown on families, the communities and the State. In my opinion, this could have been a preventable attack.

I’m proud of my state and the laws that have been past thus far. However, it is not nearly enough.

I support the following Bills:

Safe Storage Bill – It’s the least we can do to protect our children in their own home, which should be the most reliably safe place for them to be.

Ghost Guns Bill – is a public safety issue and it is unconscionable that it’s even up for debate. A ghost gun does not have a serial number. For an individual to make a lethal weapon and not have to register it should be a concern to all of us, especially for law enforcement.

Carry Permit Bill – If a person is openly carrying guns in public, they should produce their pistol permit if asked by a law enforcement officer.
Sincerely,

Margaret Challe
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