My Name is John Chunis. I live in Rocky Hill Connecticut. I have been a resident and taxpayer in Connecticut since 1975.

I **OPPOSE** this bill.

There are bills that propose to lower the voting age to 16. Sixteen year olds can drive a car, can work and pay taxes.

If they are mature enough to engage in those areas without significant risk, then they are mature enough to be in a home with firearms without significant risk.

The biggest risk to children is not unauthorized access to firearms stored in the home, but unauthorized access to alcohol, prescription drugs and cigarettes that are left in the open for kids to sneak when no one is around, creating generations of addicts. They are in our high schools and middle schools. And they eventually kill themselves, and others or just waste their entire lives away. If we really want to increase the safety of minors, we should have a law that requires alcohol, prescription drugs, and cigarettes in the home be locked in a safe.

Please vote **NO** on this bill.

Thank you for allowing me to provide my comments.

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