TO: Chairs Winfield and Stafstrom and the Joint Committee on Judiciary  

FROM: Kate Martin – West Hartford, CT  

RE: Support for H.B. 7218 and H.B. 7223  

DATE: March 11, 2019  

Dear Chairs and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary,  

My name is Kate Martin and I am a West Hartford resident and mother of four young children. I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 7218, An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home and House Bill 7223, An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in Vehicles.  

The reason I am supporting these bills is because I am deeply concerned by the levels of gun violence in this country. And while I realize there is no one solution to the epidemic levels of gun violence we experience in the United States, strengthening our state’s gun storage laws is a common-sense step we can take to keeping our children and communities safer.  

The laws that we enact as a state say something about the priorities of its citizens. Let us recall that less than one year ago, over 11,000 people stood right outside this building demanding common sense changes to our gun laws. Strengthening our gun storage laws is one of those changes.  

Connecticut has been a national leader on gun violence prevention and by passing these bills we will continue our leadership in our efforts to keep our children and citizens safer from gun violence. I urge you to pass H.B. 7218 and H.B. 7223 and thank you for your consideration.  

Respectfully submitted,  

Kate Martin  
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