To members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary

I am writing in OPPOSITION to SB 60 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT

Eliminating the need for a police officer to have reasonable suspicion that a crime is to be committed amounts to stop & frisk or a “papers please’ environment. Basically in violation of the 4th Amendment, just because a firearm may “print” or be visible. CT is an open carry state, with the permit to carry concealed. I urge you to oppose this bill.

I am writing in SUPPORT of SB 940 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS

This proposed law makes sense... there is no reason that I should not be able to defend myself and family on hiking paths, or in areas away from crowds, where a crime or an animal attack is most likely to happen. If a person has a permit and can carry almost anywhere else (besides state buildings, post offices, and posted private areas), then why should we not be able to carry in these isolated areas, where crimes have been increasing (Farmington canal, etc)? I urge you to support this bill.

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 5227 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES

Towns and municipalities should not have the ability to pass laws that supersede state laws. How would one comply with the law if they passed through a town that bans firearms, on their way to a town that doesn’t ban firearms? This does not make sense at all. I urge you to oppose this bill.

I am writing in OPPOSITION to HB 7218 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

Though the incident that spawned this bill was tragic, this bill would not have prevented the accident – all it does is allow a harsher penalty for the gun owner, and that was stated during an interview on television. According to reports, this gun was stored locked & unloaded. The victim intentionally found & unlocked the gun, found ammo and loaded it, and pulled the trigger. He broke several existing laws – not the fault of the gun owner, or his family, who also have to live with the outcome of this incident. All this bill will do, as written, is make it impossible for a homeowner to get to a firearm in a timely manner in the case of a home invasion, animal attack in the yard (yes, I live in a small town that has a lot of coyotes), etc. I urge you to oppose this bill.

I am writing in OPPOSITION to HB7219AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS

As written, this would criminalize those of us who disassemble and clean our guns (it bans assembly). I urge you to oppose this bill.

I am writing in OPPOSITION to HB 7223 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

The proposed law requires a “safe”... it needs clarification on if a lockbox is adequate.

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