To whom this may concern:

I am an immigrant to this country and lived in Connecticut for more than ten years. It is my greatest appreciation to the natural rights of American citizens, among others, the right to vote, to free speech and, to own firearms.

Guaranteed gun right is crucial to the wellbeing of Chinese American community. Many in this community work in service sector, often at high crime rate area. As a law abiding, hardworking minority community, our businesses and residences have been repeatedly singled out as soft targets for various crimes, especially robbery. A legislative environment friendly to legal gun owners and peaceful residents is extremely important.

Oppose: SB NO 60. An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit. Current law already requires a carry permit presented to authority with plausible cause. SB No 60 will subject lawful gun owners to unnecessary harassment, which typically unproportionally impact minority community.

Support SB No. 940. An Act Authorizing Certain Person to Carry Handguns in State Parks and State Forests. This act will enhance public safety.

Support HB 5227. An Act Concerning the Regulation of Firearms by Municipalities. Ordinary tax payers are already overwhelmed with job, families and other issues. To have another layer of municipality regulation on guns will add more confusions to the already completed and strict gun laws. Many otherwise peaceful gun owners may inevitably lose their right to own and carry guns simply because the complexity of gun laws.

Support HB 5870. An Act Concerning Transfer of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines. This is a common sense proposal that clarifies issues related to legal transfer of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

Oppose HB7218. An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home. CT already strictly mandate safe storage of gun. Further restriction will diminish the protection to one’s loved ones, home and business that a ready gun can offer. We would invest more in gun safety education to youth. Currently there is zero investment in educating young people with basic knowledge of gun handling and safety measures.

Oppose HB 7219. An Act Concerning Ghost Guns. Again, CT already have strict laws related to unregistered guns and parts. This bill in its current language is confusing. It is unclear exactly what additional benefit this bill wants to achieve.

Oppose HB 7223. An Act Concerning the Storage of a Pistol or Revolver In A Motor Vehicle. Many gun owners voluntarily install storage in their vehicle. However, a state mandate equates to a new tax on gun owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

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