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Public Hearing Testimony

Dear Senator Winfield, Senator Bergstein, Representative Stafstrom, Representative Blumenthal, Senator Kissel, Representative Rebimbas, and other members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Tim Ackert and I represent the 8th District, which includes Columbia, Coventry, Tolland, and Vernon. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to speak on several bills on today's public hearing agenda:

S.B. No. 60 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

I believe current law as outlined in the statute is sufficient and this legislation is not necessary.

H.B. No. 5227 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

I am in support of this legislation and believe it clarifies the laws regarding firearms. Gun owners are aware that each state has different laws regarding firearms. For gun owners to also have to know that each of our 169 towns may have laws that preempt state law is unrealistic. In my own community I found out we have a law that is in place but you would not know it existed due to lack of posting and notifications.

H.B. No. 5870 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I am in support of HB 5870 and believe it to be a common-sense approach for someone who would like to transfer a registered firearm or magazine to someone who is already a registered owner. This would create a legal process to complete this transaction.

H.B. No. 7218 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

I believe a positive addition to this legislation would be an educational component being available to our school's systems. Just this weekend I had my grandson over and he had a toy item. I took the opportunity to talk to him about when and where it is safe to use the toy item. Not around breakable objects and not near other people. I then mentioned how if he finds any sharp items or firearms what should he do. Don't touch it and tell an adult about it.

H.B. No. 7219 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.

Does DESPP have the ability to provide a registration number for manufactured firearms at this time?
Does this legislation have a negative effect on the renovation of a firearm?

H.B. No. 7223 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

This legislation is vague in regards to the term "safe". Is a locked can and locked area that is part of the car considered a safe? Is the gun case that is lockable considered a safe or should there actually be a gun safe in the vehicle?

Thank you for your consideration of my comments on these proposals.