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Subject: In support of HB-7218, HB-7223, HB-7219 and SB-60

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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee –

I am a mother, wife, daughter, sister – and very concerned citizen.

I still recall where I was when I learned about the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary school: I was sitting in the parking lot at Costco in Norwalk, about to go in and purchase my Christmas cards, when my brother, who lives in Armonk, NY, wrote to me, saying: I heard there was a school shooting in CT; I hope your child (name withheld) is OK.

My heart stopped. I searched for news on my smartphone and literally couldn't breathe until I saw the tragic story appear on my phone: that the shooting was in Newtown – not in my home town. (He didn't realize that Sandy Hook is miles from the school my child attended... and I had to be grateful that it was someone else's tragedy... this is terribly wrong.)

There is literally NO REASON why any person in our country should live in fear of gun violence, and fear of dying at the smoking end of a gun – and yet, every day it is a real fear and concern for ALL OF US.

There is ONE – and only ONE reason for this: THE CONTINUED FAILURE OF OUR LEGISLATORS TO PASS LAWS THAT ENFORCE SAFETY RESTRICTIONS ON GUN SALES, and GUN & AMMUNITION OWNERSHIP; AND the cowardice of who kowtow to the NRA.

Here I would like to document my SUPPORT for the following bills:

- 1) HB-7218, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME (Ethan's Law).
- 2) HB-7219, AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.
- 3) HB-7223, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.
- 4) SB-60, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

I am grateful for my outstanding representatives, who support this legislation. I am incensed that there are actual people who oppose sensible legislation that will save lives – possibly their own, or that of their loved ones.

Please do the right thing, and VOTE for GUN SAFETY NOW.

Sincerely,

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