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Testimony in support of HB-7218, HB-7223, HB-7219 and SB-60

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, ranking members Kissel and Rebimbas and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Alisha Aum, I am from Avon CT. I am a volunteer with CT Against Gun Violence.

I am testifying in support of H.B. 7218, *An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home*, H.B. 7223 *An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in Vehicles*, H.B. 7219, *An Act Concerning Ghost Guns* and S.B. 60 *An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit*.

I had the privilege of becoming naturalized as a US citizen last September and I am eager to give back to my community, state and country by actively engaging in political and social issues that have a direct impact on our daily lives. That is why I am advocating for gun violence prevention. I feel compelled to do what I can to save a life that can be saved with sensible laws in place to prevent gun related violence and loss of life.

I want to especially support the passage of H.B.7223. Over the last year there has been a big increase in automobile break-ins in the Farmington Valley and across Connecticut, which has led to news reports and police advisories. Thieves take whatever they can get their hands on. I am very concerned that when people leave guns in their cars, they can be stolen by these thieves, and used in future crimes.

Guns always need to be secured storage. When they are stored in cars, they are much more vulnerable to theft than when they are in a person's home. Please pass HB7223 to keep Connecticut citizens safe, and to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

I am also in favor of HB7218, HB7219 and SB60. All of these are common-sense laws that will keep guns out of the hands of people who should not have them - criminals and children - and enforce the safe use of guns by licensed owners.

I strongly support H.B. 7218, H.B. 7219 and S.B. 60 and urge you to favorably vote these bills out of the Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Alisha Aum
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