

March 10, 2019

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee –

I am writing to you as a mother of two children, as a life-long resident of Connecticut, and as a very concerned American citizen. Since the shooting at Sandy Hook School on December 14, 2012, I have become acutely aware of the devastating effects of gun violence on the citizens of our nation. Connecticut has been a true leader legislatively, and for that, I am beyond thankful. I am hopeful that we will continue to lead the way when it comes to strong gun safety laws; the data has proven out that they work to reduce maimings and deaths, see <https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2015/06/12/gun-killings-fell-by-40-percent-after-connecticut-passed-this-law>

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.

Here I would like to document my REJECTION of the following bills:

- 1) SB - 940, AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.
- 2) HB- 5870, AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSUALT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.
- 3) HB-5227, AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

My 6+ years working alongside survivors of gun violence as well as legislators and other community gun violence prevention activists have led me to believe that in order to keep our families, communities, cities, state, nation safer from gun violence, moving forward in CT as recommended above is the only way forward.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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