

March 10, 2019

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jennifer Barahona and I live in Fairfield, Connecticut. I am writing in strong SUPPORT of HB 7218, HB 7219, HB 7223, SB 60 and OPPOSITION to SB 940, HB 5870, and HB 5227. I am writing as a mother who is deeply concerned about the safety of my children, the wife of a high school teacher, and as a professional who has overseen a large portion of the recovery from the shooting at Sandy Hook School. For the past 5 ½ years I have borne witness to the unbearable suffering of survivors of gun violence on an individual and community wide level. The lasting traumatic impact and ripple effect is immeasurable.

I am proud of the steps that the CT General Assembly took after the shooting at Sandy Hook and implore you to continue to lead the way for responsible gun safety laws. You have the power to enact laws that data clearly shows helps save lives.

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 would like to document my OPPOSITION 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.

When I try to answer the questions my 10 year old has about my work in Newtown, I want to be able to honestly answer that we are fortunate to live in a state that is doing everything possible to prevent gun violence and keep our communities safe. I strongly believe these measures will help continue to move us in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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