

March 11, 2019

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

My name is Stefanie Barrett, from West Hartford. I am a mother of two, an avid supporter of gun sense legislation, and a very concerned American citizen. Since hearing with horror about the horrific shooting at Columbine high school, when I was in high school myself, and every subsequent shooting, I have become acutely aware of the devastating effects of gun violence on the citizens of our nation. Connecticut has been a true legislative leader, for which 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 maiming 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 CONCERING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

As a family nurse practitioner, I have dedicated my life's work to the health and wellness of the community. Now working alongside survivors of gun violence and community gun violence prevention activists, I am determined to make our community and our nation safer for all of our citizens. I truly believe that moving forward as above will help to realize this goal.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Barrett