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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
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**Senate Bill #60 - Presentation of a Carry Permit**  
**Senate Bill #940 - Carrying in State Parks and Forests**  
**House Bill #5227 - Regulations by Municipalities**  
**House Bill #5870 - Transfer of Assault Weapons and Magazines**  
**House Bill #7218 - Safe Storage in the Home**  
**House Bill #7219 - Ghost Guns**  
**House Bill #7223 - Storage in a Vehicle**

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dom Basile and I sit on the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League (CCDL). I respectfully ask that you **SUPPORT** the following legislation:

- **S.B. 940**-Because my right to life shouldn't end whenever I cross a boundary line and enter into a State Park or Forest, nor do I change into a different person. ***I am the same vetted and licensed person as I was before.***
- **H.B. 5227**-Because the confusing and conflicting myriad of various municipal regulations can easily ***entrap a law abiding citizen.***
- **H.B. 5870**-Because only those citizens that are grandfathered, by registering themselves and submitting thumbprints to the CT State Police by January 1, 2014, would be eligible. ***Nor would it add to the finite supply of firearms and magazines registered and declared.***

I respectfully request that you **OPPOSE** the following legislation:

- **S.B. 60-*Because this does away with the presumption of innocence***, which is the very bedrock unto which our entire legal system is based upon and therefore presents the opportunity for law enforcement to supersede their limited powers.
- **H.B. 7218-*Because this Bill is reactive rather than proactive and does nothing for safety. Ironically, in order for this Bill to obtain its objective of doling out punishment, someone has to get hurt first.*** A better alternative would be to offer tax credits on the purchase of a gun safe and to reinstate the education component.
- **H.B. 7219-*Because this Bill is plagued with onerous language. It does not define what an unfinished receiver is, nor does it address all of the legally owned, unserialized, pre-'68 firearms that are in the hands of collectors and enthusiasts. You cannot pass legislation to uninvent something. In doing so you will be following the same failed business model as Prohibition.*** You will be taking something that lawful citizens, hobbyists and enthusiasts enjoy doing and driving it underground.
- **H.B. 7223-*Because this Bill is completely unworkable. It will create accelerated amounts of public panic, calls to 9-1-1, and an added strain on our police departments; all because a good citizen was just trying to follow the law.***

I thank you for your time and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
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