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

My name is Vanita Bhalla I am from Woodbury, CT. I am A concerned citizen who wants to write to you to express my concern at how normal gun violence has become in our state.

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 have heard many stories from my friends who are parents about children who have been shown guns by their friends when they go to their homes to play. And clearly the tragedy with Ethan Song is heart breaking.

It's because of that incident and the many others that happen on a daily basis around the country that I ask you to please support stronger safety storage options for guns in the home. Too many lives are lost because a child accidentally shoots himself/ herself or a friend with a unsecured gun and bullets.

Additionally, our public spaces cannot feel safe when the protective measures such as electronic screening such as are found in airports can be circumvented with ghost guns. These guns and the materials they are made of, defy current existing measures to identify and prevent them from my public places.

Thirdly, I ask you to give our police officers the ability to be able to ask to see a gun permit on demand. This gives all of us more peace of mind because the police have the ability to be able to ask people to provide their permits and if they are not provided to take appropriate action.

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,

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