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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 Anna Bonelli, I am from Guilford.

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*.

Please vote favorably on H.B. 7218 and H.B. 7223 to strengthen firearm storage law. Our town has been in the news for the past year unfortunately due to a tragic accident involving unsecured firearms. One teenage boy's life was taken by a firearm that was being stored irresponsibly. This boy's family, along with the gun owner's family have been devastated and forever altered.

Expanding safe storage requirements will help save lives from multiple sources of gun violence: unintentional shootings, crime-related gun violence (facilitated by stolen guns), suicide, school and other mass shootings. It will send a clear message to irresponsible gun owners: lock up your firearms when they are not in your immediate control or be held accountable.

Please vote favorably on H.B. 7219 to to regulate ghost and 3D printed guns.

Ghost guns carry no serial numbers, are untraceable and require no background check to purchase. Individuals prohibited from possessing firearms have used homemade assault weapons in mass shootings and attacks on law enforcement. About ghost guns, the U.S. Government Accountability Office reports "an emerging reliance by criminal organizations on this source of weapons."

Please vote favorably on S.B 60 to require individuals "open carrying" to show permit.

I have a right to feel safe in public, and I don't when someone other than law enforcement is carrying a gun. How should I know if he's a "good guy" or a "bad guy?" Allowing police officers to see the permit of someone carrying a gun in public is a simple measure to protect public safety.

It's common sense that if an individual is required to have their permit when carrying a gun in public that they should be required to show it to a law enforcement officer.

Carrying guns in public is associated with higher levels of violence. It's a public safety issue and law enforcement can't do their job if they aren't allowed to see the permit that a legal gun owner must carry.

I strongly support H.B. 7218, H.B. 7223, 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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