

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

My name is Sarah Bromley, I am from Milford. I am an Early Childhood Educator, and mother of two teens.

As a kid in Kentucky, I grew up in gun culture, every family I knew had guns in their homes. Many families lost children from accidents with guns in their homes, and my own uncle was killed as a teenager in a hunting accident. When I came to Connecticut to attend Wesleyan University, I thought I was coming to state where I would be safer because I believed the gun culture I had grown up with in Kentucky would be less prevalent.

While Connecticut has more firearm laws than almost any other state, I'm appalled that some of what should be the most obvious practices to prevent accidental death are not law in Connecticut. Safe storage is such an obvious law to have, when I read their descriptions to my daughter, she couldn't believe that HB-7218 and HB-7223 were not already laws. I have a fifteen year old son who regularly goes to hang out at his friends' homes. Because of my background, I typically ask the families if they have firearms in their homes and if they keep them locked, and I have to trust that they are telling me the truth. If the safe storage was a law, however, I would feel much more comfortable having my son go to his friends' houses. This law would protect my son, and every other child the way Ethan Song should have been protected.

With respect to HB-7219, there should be no reason why we should have 3-D printed or ghost guns. I already feel that every time my children leave the house, they could be victims of gun violence, but if ghost guns are not banned, there could be even more weapons to fear, weapons that are un-serialized and unregistered, and uninspected. If these ghost guns made by 3-D printers cannot be spotted by metal detectors, that's even scarier. How are we supposed to protect ourselves and our children? How can we ever feel safe? There should be a complete ban on firearm parts used to make untraceable weapons.

For SB-60, if drivers must carry a valid driver's license to operate a moving vehicle, it should be no hardship for an individual to carry a permit whenever they are openly carrying a firearm.

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 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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