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Please let this E-mail serve as my Public Hearing testimony:

Dear Legislators Joint Judiciary Committee:

On Monday March 11, 2019 you will be conducting public hearings on several Bills with a direct relation to firearms. As a law abiding citizen and constituent I am respectfully asking that you consider each of these Bills carefully with regards to our Constitutional rights that each of you swore an oath to protect and defend.

Please oppose Senate Bill 60 that would allow law enforcement officers to demand that Connecticut handgun permit holders present their permit if the officer had reason to believe they were carrying a handgun. This would constitute an illegal search for which we are all protected from under our Constitution. Once again this Bill is a knee jerk reaction to what one individual (who knew his rights) refused to produce his permit when he was wrongfully ordered to do so by a police officer who had no suspicion that a crime was being committed. PLEASE, don't subject all the responsible law abiding Citizens in Connecticut to this proposed legislation that would violate our Constitutional rights.

Please oppose House Bill 7218. Gun safety and storage is a matter of personal responsibility and every person's situation is different. It really isn't up to you to impose your solution to situations that occur inside of MY home. "Ethans Law" as some are calling it, is the result of a young man who sadly made multiple bad choices (continually for a period of six months) which horribly and sadly resulted in his death. Once again this Bill is a knee jerk reaction to what one individual did. PLEASE, don't subject all the responsible law abiding Citizens in Connecticut to this proposed legislation.

Please oppose House Bill 7219 which would essentially end the centuries old practice and hobby of manufacturing firearms for personal use by imposing requirements that far exceed those in current federal law. Currently, Federal law is clear on this practice and has clear defined regulations. PLEASE, don't subject all the responsible law abiding Citizens in Connecticut to this proposed legislation.

Please oppose House Bill 7223 which would require handguns to be stored in a locked safe whenever in an unattended vehicle. even though I already practice this storage technique, I'm not in favor of instituting a law that would punish me if I didn't. Again, it's about personal responsibility and not being "required" by lawmakers. Such an unreasonable requirement would require gun owners to fit their vehicles with a locking safe separate from any carrying cases they already use to transport handguns.

Please support Senate Bill 940 which would allow pistol permit holders to carry a handgun for self-defense in state parks and forests. So called "gun-free zones" are arbitrary boundaries that only disarm law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to hinder criminals.

Please support House Bill 5227 would prevent a patchwork of laws in Connecticut by prohibiting municipalities from enacting their own gun control regulations, making it easier for law-abiding citizens to follow the law. This would ensure that all Connecticut residents would have equal Second Amendment rights regardless of where they reside. PLEASE, support our Second Amendment rights.

Please support House Bill 5870 which would allow law-abiding citizens who already own registered banned firearms and magazines to transfer these items amongst themselves.

Folks, please understand it's not the masses of law abiding citizens that are breaking laws or being irresponsible with firearms. It's the few, and as such, I plead with you not to punish the "good guys and gals in the majority because of the errors of the few.

Thank you for listening and I'll be watching closely. If there is anything I can expand on or clarify for you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With my best regards,

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