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

My name is Linda Cohen-Calger, I live in Bridgeport. I am a member of Connecticut Against Gun Violence (CAGV) and Moms Demand Action.

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 am a gun violence prevention advocate because I care about the health and safety of everyone. I became passionate about this issue when my brother in law (actually more like the brother i never had) was shot and killed in 1985 by a criminal who should never had access to a gun. My family and I were devastated by this senseless loss. I find it hard to believe that with all of the gun violence incidents in this country we still do not have sensible gun safety laws. Safe storage of firearms, whether in the home or in the car, is a no-brainer. Proper and safe storage of firearms would prevent accidental shootings by children and many mass shootings by adolescents and adults. Anyone who legally possesses and carries a firearm should have no problem presenting a carry permit. Gun sense laws protect all of us, even those of us who own/carry guns.

I strongly support H.B.7218, H.B.7219, H.B. 7223 and S.B. 60 and urge you to favorably vote these bills out of the Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Linda Cohen-Calger  
Bridgeport, Connecticut  
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