

Re: H.B. No. 7219 An Act Concerning Ghost Guns.

March 6, 2019

Dear Committee Members,

I oppose this bill because it will make Felons out of law abiding citizens who may have old guns without serial numbers. This bill would also be a form of gun registration and imposes an unreasonable burden on gun owners, gun clubs and gun collectors.

For example the Marksman Association that I am a member of has Youth Rifles that can be used by Members Children who want to learn how to safely use and even compete in Target shooting Matches. These rifles are old and have no serial numbers and yet they've been used for decades.

There may be other Clubs throughout the State of Connecticut with older rifles as well.

Many rifles and shotguns before 1969 don't have serial numbers. Will Eagle Scouts and Girl Scouts who want to target practice at gun clubs now become Felons? Are these clubs supposed to just throw out all of these rifles?

Also, it is not uncommon for old guns to be passed down within Families. Are these Family Heirlooms supposed to be tossed out like garbage because they don't have serial numbers? If they choose to keep these guns that have been in their Families for generations, this bill will make them Felons!

This bill creates unnecessary burdens on law abiding gun owners and gun clubs throughout the State. Many tens of thousands of guns may now exist in this State owned by legal gun owners, who may not become aware that this misguided law will have turned them into Felons.