

Kelly Copeland

Westport CT

Testimony in support of HB-7218, HB-7223, HB-7219 and SB-60

Please pass H.B. 7218 and 7223 for these reasons!!!

- A stronger safe storage law will help reduce gun death and injury from unintentional shootings, stolen guns used in crimes, teen suicide and school shootings.
- An unloaded gun can be just as dangerous as one that is loaded. Firearms are dangerous and should be securely stored whenever they are unattended, whether or not they are loaded.
- We need to send a clear message to irresponsible gun owners: lock up your firearms when they're not in your control or be held accountable.
- In more than 80% of teen suicides, the gun used belonged to a family member. Keeping guns securely stored will save children's lives.

Please pass S.B. 60, An Act Concerning The Presentation Of A Carry 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.
- 

Please pass H.B. 7219 An Act Concerning Ghost Guns

- We cannot let prohibited individuals evade background checks by making guns at home and we cannot let untraceable DIY guns flow into the black market to end up in the hands of criminals.
- There is no valid reason for letting people evade Connecticut gun laws by making it possible to assemble untraceable guns at home without passing a background check or getting a gun permit.
- Without a serial number, there is no way to trace guns used in crimes back to their owners. We cannot let untraceable assembled-at-home guns flow into the black market to end up in the hands of criminals.