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

My name is George R. Curry MPH (Yale '75) and I reside in Watertown, CT. My written Testimony is in support of:

Support: S.B. No. 940 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.

This should be self evident, an authorized person should not be subject to criminal charges simply because one steps on Public Lands. My wife and I have had an encounter with two Coyotes in Black rock State Park. They began to approach us until I scrambled to find a large branch to fend them off. If they had been rabid or hungry the outcome may have been tragic for us. my wife and I are too old to run.

Support: H.B. No. 5227 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATIONS OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

It is essential that a Connecticut State Police officer and a Municipal Police Officer have the exact same understanding of Connecticut's Firearm Laws. A hodgepodge of Firearm Laws leads to misunderstandings, confusion and the potential for the miscarriage of Justice. It is impossible to have equality under the Law; if the Fire Laws change between Jurisdictions.

Support. H.B. No. 5870 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

The law as it presently stands approaches a "Taking of private property without just compensation" since it decreases the economic value of firearms held by certificate holders. This Act would not alter the net quantity of "Banned" firearms. The Act would restore the intent of the Grandfather Provision by allowing certificate holders already recognized by DESPP to trade and sell these firearms among others holding such certificates.

Oppose: S.B. No. 60 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

This Act clearly abrogates a Law Abiding Citizens IV Amendment rights under the Constitution. Citizens are to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures but this Act removes the phrase "reasonable suspicion of a crime" from the current Law. This Act will confer on Police Forces the totalitarian power of dictatorships where citizens had to 'show their papers'. This Act will allow police to "Stop and Frisk" permit holders without probable cause and is rife with potential for "Racial Profiling".

Oppose: H.B. No. 7218 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

This Act will require locking technology that does not exist. A determined individual, such as a teenager, with criminal intent can search information on YOUTUBE that instructs with time and tools how to defeat almost all padlocks and most safes, The adage rings true, 'locks only keep Honest people out'. It also alters the age defining a minor from 16 to

18 years of age. This Act may have a negative effect on Laws that define a minor as a 16 year old. This Act is not just what it is purported to be on its Face. It is stealth and contains embedded links to section 53a-3 and interlinks with Section 29-37i completely unrelated to storage requirements. The references for this Bill include Americans for Progress an organization funded by George Soros, a person who admits to placing fellow Jews in Nazi cattle cars.

Oppose: H.B. No. 7219 AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.

This Act would effectively ban re-assembly and repair of pre-1968 firearms that may not have a serial number. This Act would make the home repair of Antique and Collector firearms illegal. The Connecticut data on the number of firearm related crimes committed with a home built gun (Ghost Gun) is nonexistent, The Act infringes on the First and Second Amendments while doing nothing to remove firearms from prohibited persons including street gangs.

Oppose: H.B. No. 7223 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

This Act ignores the fact that the Law is clear: a crime is committed when an individual steals private property from a motor vehicle. A 'new' Law will not deter a person with criminal intent. If a criminal can not get to the firearm; then, the criminal will simply steal the automobile with the firearm. Approximately, 25 to 35 firearms are reported stolen from Police Cars every year. Criminals watch the Police and law abiding citizens to spot if they leave a firearm in the car and steal the firearm. This Act would increase the occurrence of this type of theft from vehicles. No safe will stop a determined criminal.

I want to thank the members of the Judiciary Committee for their patience and kind consideration of my Testimony.