

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, Ranking members Kissel and Rebimbas, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the judiciary:

My name is Katherine Day and I'm from East Lyme Connecticut. I am testifying in support of :

H.B. No. 7218 (Ethan's Law) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME

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

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

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

And in opposition of :

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

We are living in era where gun violence is an everyday occurrence. From mass shootings in schools, churches, and places of work, to isolated tragedies in homes in our community. The most important things we can assure going forward are to make sure firearms are traceable, stored safely, and verified by a permit and a thorough background check. Our children shouldn't find improperly stored guns during a playdate in a box, or under a bed, whether they are loaded or not. If a gun owner has a permit to carry, it should be readily accessible, and gun owners shouldn't be trading assault weapons back and forth regardless of what guns they have at home. These are deadly weapons, they are designed to kill. A focus on safety and accountability isn't unreasonable.

Thank you.