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Hello, my name is Jacob Depot and I live in Groton CT.
To begin I would like to say thank you for your time and willingness to hear me out on the proposed firearms related bills.

Please **OPPOSE:**

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

This bill would subject law abiding citizens to harassment from law enforcement and would do very little to deter crime. Someone who is illegally carrying a firearm is not going to carry in a way that it will be discovered unless they are being searched anyway. Please oppose.

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

There is no law that requires prescription drugs or car keys be locked up to prevent youth from harming themselves and car accidents were the leading cause of death in youth for 2016 according to the *New England Journal of Medicine*. It's also not right to deprive a well trained young person of their right to protect themselves when home alone. Perhaps we could offer a tax refund for qualified safes or gun cabinets making them more affordable and therefore more likely to be used. Please oppose this bill.

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

This bill is a knee jerk reaction based on fear and not fact. Building your own firearm takes specialized machinery and tools, advanced trade skills, a lot of money, and a lot of time. The investment is not worth the outcome and anyone who is planning nefarious deeds with a gun isn't going to invest all that when they can get one on the black market. Please oppose.

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

Any lockbox that will fit into a car is small enough to be stolen out of a car and cut into later. Why punish someone who has already passed a background check for a permit and then another background check almost every time they buy a gun for being the victim of a crime? What if the whole car is stolen? What if someone locks me out of my house and my guns are inside? Please oppose this bill.

Please **SUPPORT:**

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

This bill is important to me because I remember very well the time my family took me camping at Hopeville State Park in Griswold CT when I was in 10th grade. There was a pedophile in the campground that weekend trying to lure kids, my elementary school aged cousins as well, away from their parents and into the woods. It wasn't until Sunday night after we went home that the police had

finally caught him. When in the woods with nothing but a thin canvas between you and some sicko you are your only line of defense.

We live in a constantly developing world and that does not always work well with mother nature. It is becoming more and more common to run into wildlife when you leave your house because it has less habitat to roam. I have myself witnessed large coyotes with very little fear of man in areas such as Navy Housing in Groton or cruising around the neighborhoods and golf courses around Electric Boat. There is at least one bear living a mile away from my house in the Copp Family Park on RT 184 in Groton. It is only a matter of time before there is an altercation and not everyone can kill a mountain lion with their bare hands. Please support this bill.

H.B. No. 5227 **AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES**

Between federal and state firearm laws there is far too much variance for any kind of coherent system. Once you think you are in compliance you cross state lines and have to start all over. There is enough red tape, backed up applications, and mistakes without adding more government to the mess. Let's keep our municipalities accountable to the current laws by supporting this bill.

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

This just makes sense. This bill would allow the transfer of State Registered "Assault Weapons" and declared "Large Capacity Magazines" among residents that also have these items. It will not generate any new "Assault Weapons" or "Large Capacity Magazines" in this state, just simply allow the transfers among legal firearm enthusiasts.

Please support this bill.

I am available to answer any questions that you may have and can be reached via email at jerubbaal23@gmail.com

Again, thank you for your time and for representing the interests of The People.

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