

My name is Helen Antonia Earnshaw from Sandy Hook, CT and I am providing written testimony in support of HB-7223, HB-7218, HB-7219 and SB-60 because we have witnessed in the great state of Connecticut and elsewhere the life saving benefits to public safety of stronger, sensible gun laws. Yes, it's a protected right to own a firearm for non felons in this country, but with that right come responsibilities. Preventable tragedies occur from unsafe storage of guns nearly every day in America. If you leave a young child alone in a car you can be arrested because that is a potentially deadly situation. Certainly we must recognize the lethality of guns and provide the best protection we can to save innocent lives. Ghost guns cause real flesh and blood injury and that isn't an illusion. We need to help insure public safety regarding ghost guns and also require that open carry individuals be permitted to be stopped by the police to see if they are doing so legally. If they can stop me in my car and do random seatbelt checks it's hardly a hardship to provide a gun permit when asked.