

Good Morning

To all the distinguished members of the joint committee on the Judiciary.

My Name is Peter Estrada and I am a resident in the Town of Hamden.

I am here to ask you oppose

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

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

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

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

And I would like you to support the following Bills.

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

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

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

I would like to focus my time to discuss the negative impact that will come of S.B. 60. My belief is that this bill will encourage stop and frisk and racial profiling people of color.

A Police Officer not needing probable cause to stop and detain someone that hasn't broken any laws just because this bill will empower them too.

I ask you, what are we Blacks and Latinos to do?

I would like you to picture this. Now a Police Officer decides to approach me. While I haven't broken any laws and I am not suspected of any crimes. The Officer says hey do you have a permit for that firearm? I reply Yes Sir, He says, I need to see it. I'm sorry Officer did I do something wrong? It does not matter because the Law says so.

Now, I am right handed.

So, when I carry my firearm it's on my right side.

My permit is in my wallet in my right back pocket. I ask you, how am I to proceed?

Do I just reach to grab my wallet which is on the same side as my firearm?

Would this Police Officer consider me a Puerto Rican man a threat, since I moved my hand to grab my wallet to get my permit which he requested.

This is something to think about. This is my life that I am talking about.

Due to the time restrictions I will end with this story about hand gestures.

A Black family was driving in a car with his family and was pulled over by the police. As the Officer approaches the car,

Officer - Says Hello sir

Driver – What’s going on, how are you?

Officer – Good. the reason I pulled you over is because your brake lights are out.

You have one brake light active on your passenger side

The top light and driver side brake light are the ones not working.

Do you have your license and insurance?

Driver – hands over a document. Then states Sir, I do have a firearm on me.

Officer – Don’t reach for it. Don’t pull it out.

Driver – I’m not pulling it out.

Officer – Don’t pull it out. 7 Gun shots Bang, Bang, Bang, Bang, Bang, Bang, Bang

Driver - I wasn’t Pulling it out. Was his last dying words.

That driver was a Black Lawful License to carry holder

by the name of Philando Castile.

In my opinion S.B. 60 is not a Gun Control Bill, It’s not a Gun Safety Bill.

S.B. 60 is a Death Bill waiting to happen. So I ask you all to please oppose this bill.

Thank you for your time.

