

March 11th, 2019

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee –

I am sorry that I could not be there at the State House to give my testimony today. I am writing to you as a mother of two young children, as a current resident of Connecticut, and as a very concerned American citizen. Since the shooting at Sandy Hook School on December 14, 2012, I have become acutely aware of the devastating effects of gun violence on the citizens of our nation. I believe that we must continue to strengthen our gun laws and lead the nation with strong legislation. That we must continue to prove that states with stronger gun laws are safer and have less gun related deaths.

My oldest child is a 1st grader and the topic of many of our dinnertime conversations are lockdown drills. Her concern is about what should be done if someone comes into her school and she is in the bathroom in the hall and not in her classroom. Or if someone tries to come into the classroom through the side door with a gun. It is heartbreaking that I have to have these conversations with her. But we cannot just pretend gun violence doesn't exist. Now is the time we can make a difference with action.

I believe putting laws in place that will secure guns in the home and vehicles, stopping the sale of ghost guns and making sure that people who are carrying guns are doing so with a permit will be effective ways to decrease gun violence in our state and our country.

Here I would like to document my SUPPORT for the following bills:

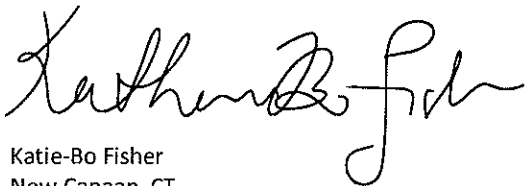
- 1) HB-7218, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME (Ethan's Law).
- 2) HB-7219, AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.
- 3) HB-7223, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.
- 4) SB-60, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

Here I would like to document my REJECTION of the following bills:

- 1) SB - 940, AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.
- 2) HB- 5870, AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSUALT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.
- 3) HB-5227, AN ACT CONCERING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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