

March 11, 2019

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Jeff Fluckiger, I am from the town of Ellington and I am submitting written testimony for the following;

I support S.B.940 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS. Because it allows people to be able to defend themselves when out in remote areas of our state parks and forests where criminals can take advantage of unarmed people.

I support H.B.5227 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES. Because allowing municipalities to make their own firearm regulations would create an already confusing patchwork of laws that would only become burdens on law abiding gun owners.

I support H.B.5870 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES. Because it would allow someone who may have a registered AW or declared high capacity magazine and either is in need of major repair or un-repairable and another legal owner may just want to sell theirs. This would allow for those selling to not lose their investment in the equipment and the buyer, who may be involve in competition shooting, to not lose out on the sport that they enjoy.

I oppose S.B.60 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT. Because it runs afoul of unreasonable detainment and search of one's person. We don't expect law enforcement to just randomly stop us while driving to ask for our driver's license. There are probably thousands of people who conceal carry their legal firearms every day in CT. Common sense tells me that a person who open carries would have a high probability of not being a criminal since criminals are not going to draw attention to themselves. I also believe that this will lead to heightened encounters because someone may have seen part of a weapon from a lifted shirt or from the printed outline. This would just be a bad law in general.

I oppose H.B.7218 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME. Because it would criminalize those that want to keep firearms in a convenient location for self-defense. I feel that you should keep your firearms locked up if small children are around, but if your living situation allows for it, you shouldn't have to compromise your ability to defend yourself.

I oppose H.B.7219 AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS. Because it is not clear on what is or isn't going to be legal under this bill. At the federal level it is legal to build a firearm for your own personal use as long as it meets BATF guidelines. Criminals are not going to go through the trouble or expense to build their own firearm when it's cheaper to steal or buy a stolen gun.

I oppose H.B.7223 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE. Because it is going to cause more trouble for gun owners as they'll have to keep exposing their firearm every time they have to patronize a location that is posted for no weapons within their establishment. Instead of just locking their firearm temporarily in a glove box or center counsel, they will be forced to openly remove their firearm in public to lock it in a trunk safe, causing more anxiety for them and anyone who sees them, which will now, more than likely, end up involving law enforcement after a 911 call.

Just in closing I'd like to say that we legal gun owners keep having our constitutional rights eroded little by little every time one person uses poor judgment and makes a bad decision or because there are evil people out

there who'll carry out their deeds regardless of the laws that are passed. Please stop punishing people who follow the law.

I urge you to favorably vote; S.B. 940, H.B. 5227, H.B. 5870 out of the Judiciary Committee and oppose; S.B. 60, H.B. 7218, H.B. 7219, H.B. 7223.

Sincerely,

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