

Testimony in support of:
Senate Bill No. 60: An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit
House Bill No. 7218: An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home
House Bill No. 7219: An Act Concerning Ghost Guns
House Bill No. 7223: An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in Vehicles

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Dear Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, ranking members Kissel and Reimbias, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

My name is Donna Grossman and I live in Windsor.

The preamble of the Constitution states "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence (sic), promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America." Pretty heady stuff: justice, domestic tranquility, general welfare, blessings of liberty. All of these requirements for our new country placed well ahead of the second amendment, which gives the right for people to keep and bear arms as part of a well regulated Militia. Another interesting choice of words: well regulated.

As of March 8, 2019, there have been at least 1977 mass shootings in the 6 years since Sandy Hook, with at least 2346 killed and 8150 wounded. Justice? Domestic tranquility? General welfare? Blessings of liberty? I think not.

These numbers are staggering, at least partially, because there are far too many people with far too much money deciding that well regulated doesn't apply to them and that their "right" to bear arms is more important than everyone else's justice, domestic tranquility, general welfare, and blessings of liberty.

The four bills before you provide some very small measure of "regulation". We deserve it.

I strongly support S.B. 60, H.B. 7218, H.B. 7219, and H.B. 7223 and urge you to favorably vote these bills out of the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you.