

March 10, 2019

Re: Testimony in support of HB-7218, HB-7223, HB-7219 and SB-60

Dear Sir/Madam:

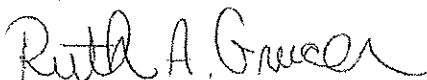
I am writing this letter to you as a concerned citizen of the State of Connecticut and as a mother of two young children. I am in support of bill HB-7218: AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME (AKA Ethan's Law). This bill is important to me because as a mother of two young children, I believe it is crucial to require the safe storage of all firearms, whether loaded or unloaded, in a home with a minor under eighteen years of age. This bill will save lives. Minors having access to a firearm are too young to understand the potential danger if they hold it or play with it. The gun owner should be fully responsible for their weapons and ammunition and keep it stored under lock and key when not in use. A minor that is struggling and have suicide thoughts could potentially gain access to their parents' weapon if not stored safely and could cause harm or death to themselves or others as a means of dealing with their anguish. No ability to gain access to a weapon will restrict their means of causing harm to themselves and others.

I am also in support of bill HB-7219: AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS. This is just common sense that these types of weapons be banned. If these types of weapons are out there it is putting public safety and the safety of law enforcement at serious risk. I am also in support of bills HB-7219 and SB-60.

The above mentioned bills are all imperative steps in the direction of making our State a safer place. Right now, I honestly don't feel safe and I am concerned for the safety of my children. As a lawmaker, please make your decision on what is best to keep people safe. We need to keep everyone safe and try at all costs to avoid another tragedy from occurring. I want our government and lawmakers to implement these laws so we are all safer. Any opposition to these bills will just have to learn to adjust to the new, safer gun laws because things have gotten so out of hand. Please vote yes for these bills. I do not want another family to suffer from gun violence nor do I want to be a victim myself.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,



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