

Judiciary Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT

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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in opposition to H.B. 7219, AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.

There are already federal laws and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives regulations in place that address an individual making a firearm, including that it must have enough metal to activate a standard metal detector. If the firearm is transferred, and the bar for a transfer of a homemade firearm is very high, it must have a serial number and be transferred in accordance with state and federal laws. It is already illegal in CT to transfer a firearm without providing a serial number and receiving approval from the CT State Police.

Proponents of this bill cite two cases in Connecticut where individuals were arrested for manufacturing and selling firearms. Is it reasonable to believe that another law would have stopped them from committing these crimes?

This is a proposal looking to solve a problem that does not exist.

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