

Re: Testimony in support of:

H.B. 7218 concerning the safe storage of firearms in the home

H.B. 7223 concerning the safe storage of firearms in vehicles

H.B. 7219 concerning ghost guns

S. B. 60 concerning presentation of a carry permit

Dear representatives:

My name is Margaret Hart-Banach and I reside in Newington, CT. The proposals for the aforementioned bills are, in my opinion, for the benefit of society in that they require deadly weapons to be kept safely, out of reach of children and intruders and will prevent harm or death to others. Most guns recovered from crime scenes are stolen guns. If guns were kept safely we would have fewer gun crimes. Evidence shows that in 80% of teen suicides, the gun that was used belonged to a family member. If guns were not so easily accessible, teens would have a greater chance of living and obtaining the help of mental health services.

All gun carriers should have permits with them to show evidence of permission to carry.