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From: John Hartig <jjhartig@gmail.com>
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Subject: My Testimony in support of Bills H.B. 7218, 7219, 7223, SB 60

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

My name is John Hartig, I live at 46 Meadow Road in Riverside, Connecticut and have been a resident for 27 years. I am a longtime advocate for safe and sensible gun laws. This will serve as my testimony in support of H.B. 7218 and its associated bills, as unfortunately, I will be traveling on Monday, March 11 and cannot appear in person.

I am testifying in **support** of H.B. 7218, *An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home*, H.B. 7223 *An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in Vehicles*, H.B. 7219, *An Act Concerning Ghost Guns* and S.B. 60 *An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit*.

I support H.B. 7218 and 7223 because expanding safe storage requirements will help save lives from multiple sources of gun violence: unintentional shootings, crime-related gun violence (facilitated by stolen guns), suicide, school and other mass shootings. It will send a clear message to irresponsible gun owners: lock up your firearms when they are not in your immediate control or be held accountable.

I support H.B. 7219 because there is no valid argument for anyone to possess unregistered, untraceable, undetectable firearms. Congress has no plan to ban or otherwise regulate ghost guns. According to the ATF ghost guns are legal as long as they are intended for personal use and not sold or given to others. In 2018 the Trump administration abruptly dropped a case being prosecuted by the Dept. of Justice attempting to prohibit online distribution of plans for 3D printed gun.

I support H. B. 60 because my family, friends and I have a right to feel safe in public, and I don't when someone other than law enforcement is carrying a gun. How should I know if he's a "good guy" or a "bad guy?" Allowing police officers to see the permit of someone carrying a gun in public is a simple measure to protect public safety. It's common sense that if an individual is required to have their permit when carrying a gun in public that they should be required to show it to a law enforcement officer.

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

Sincerely,

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