

March 10, 2019

I write in support of:

HB 7223 (an act concerning the safe storage of firearms in vehicles),  
HB 7218 (an act concerning the safe storage of firearms in the home)  
HB 7219 ( an act concerning ghost guns)  
SB 60 (an act concerning the presentation of a carry permit)

I am a Board Member of CT Against Gun Violence ( CAGV), and a resident of Greenwich, CT. I am also a surviving family member of a sibling who took his own life with a legally acquired gun, which, in my opinion, he should never have been able to purchase, due to his history of mental illness.

**Regarding HB 7223:**

Statistics in our state show that the majority of gun deaths happen in our three biggest cities - Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven. Statistics also show that guns are regularly stolen in these cities from vehicles, and then used to commit crimes. Why would our state not want a law that makes the gun owner responsible if he/she has left an unsecured firearm in the car? This bill seems indisputably needed to protect the citizens of CT, and especially of these three cities where most homicides occur.

**Regarding HB 7218:**

“Ethan’s Law” should be passed, simply because it makes sense to require gun owners to store their guns in their homes in such a way that a depressed child, a foolish teenager with poor judgement or a disgruntled partner is unable to access them. It is an over-due strengthening of our state’s “safe storage law.” There should be no more parents put in the position of Ethan’s parents and there should no longer be prosecutors who can not bring charges to see justice done. Had this law been in place about a year ago, Ethan might still be alive today.

**Regarding HB 7219:**

Ghost guns and 3D printed guns have one primary purpose which is to allow individuals who are not able to legally acquire guns, a way of possessing them. I can think of no reason we would want these legal in the state of CT.

**Regarding SB 60:**

In the state of Connecticut, you have to display a license to do something far less dangerous than carrying a gun - fly fishing. Why wouldn't a resident of our state also have to show a license to carry a gun in public? The intimidation of an individual carrying a gun holstered on his belt, is extraordinary. An openly armed person scares

me. Period. I want the police to know that the person is legally carrying that gun.

Please help all of us who care about gun safety by passing these bills.

Sincerely,

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