

**Hi. My name is Bill Hillman.**

**I support House bills 5227, 5870 and Senate Bill 940, while Opposing Senate Bill 60, and House bills 7223, 7218 and 7219.**

**A patchwork of firearm laws is a really bad thing. Firearm Laws should be uniform throughout the state so that the over 260,000 criminal-free permit holders can be assured that regulations apply equally in Newington or New London.**

**Rights to self-defense do not end at the border of a State Park or forest. Hikers, joggers, and especially women deserve to be able to defend themselves against wildlife or predators encountered, including the 2 legged animal known as the would-be rapist.**

**5870 restores economic rights to owners of now banned personal defense rifles with no net change to their quantity in private hands.**

**Senate Bill 60 is best retitled "your papers please". It's similar to Stop and Frisk, already rejected by many courts. This didn't pass in prior sessions for concerns about racial profiling. Nothing has changed about those concerns.**

**7223 fails to account for an increased likelihood of being seen, for instance in a movie theater parking lot, while storing a gun in a locked portable safe. Imagine the obituary of a 20-something when, at the moment a pistol is retrieved from a trunk-tethered container, the cops show up. Deadly consequences, and minorities will be the first to feel the effects. Sometimes discrete hiding in a glove box in a locked car is the best common sense.**

7219 is all about dramatic political language and narrative. "GHOST-SPOOKY" is just rhetoric to demonize the home hobbyist.

People have the right to make many things at home for personal use, and they have the right to keep and bear arms. As intended, that means weapons, ammunition, and the capability to maintain them. This bill also infringes on the first amendment. Plastic or home machined metal parts can be traced through forensic chemical analysis, ballistics and other ways. The printing of anything at home, even if rendered in 3-D is a protected 1<sup>st</sup> amendment right.

7218, also called "Ethan's Law", as currently written, dramatically increases the scope and definition of the term "firearm" by reference to other statutes.

The bill could redefine "minor" to be at least eighteen, and include wording for storage of unloaded firearms without redefinitions that include inert parts.

We teach kids that medicines are not candy, and not to stick a fork in an electric socket. We should be educating kids what to do as in "ALICE" training, when encountering a gun. 7218 needs rewording.

Are there any questions?