

Senator Logan, Representative Klarides, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Douglas Kneissl, I am from Derby. I am submitting testimony today in support of;

S.B. 940 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.

H.B. 5227 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

H.B. 5870 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I'm oppose to;

S.B. No. 60 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

H.B. No. 7218 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

H.B. No. 7219 AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.

H.B. No. 7223 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

The bills I am asking you to oppose do nothing to ensure the safety of our citizens and are nebulous and unenforceable. They seek to yet again put the burden of public safety on the backs the most law-abiding residents of the state. More laws are not the answer to every crime/incident with a gun, but actual enforcement of current laws would be a good start. I ask you to reference the Connecticut General Assembly Office of Legislative Research reports 2007-R-442, 2013-R-0174 and 2018-R-0018 and see how many charges are dropped in gun crime arrests.

I would ask you to look into the case of Hao Quac Lam of Southington, Ct. According to the New Britain Herald he was arrested on November 20, 2018, police found two assault rifles, a handgun and 29 "high capacity magazines," according to the report he did not have a handgun permit. He was sentenced to 18 months in jail, and the two counts of possession of an assault weapon and 28 counts of possession of a high capacity magazine were dropped, my question is why?

These new bills are covered in existing laws and should be enforced and not subject to plea agreements.

I urge you to favorably vote; S.B. 940, H.B. 5227, H.B. 5870 out of the Judiciary Committee and oppose; S.B. 60, H.B. 7218, H.B. 7219, H.B. 7223.

Sincerely,

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