

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

My name is Cynthia R. Lignar. I am from Chester. I am a Wife and Mother. I am a Registered Nurse, self-employed Nurse Consultant, former Deep River fitness center business owner for 10 years, and a member of the Chester Democratic Town Committee.

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*.

Connecticut is and should continue to be a leader in our country in establishing and enforcing sensible gun safety laws. I am so disturbed by the continued, senseless loss of life in our state and nation. Year after year we experience too many gun-related tragedies that end and ruin lives, and we must continue to take action without delay. I believe in an individual's right to own guns. But we must have the necessary safety checks in place to save lives, including sensible gun control laws, or we will continue to experience unnecessary death and destruction, whether intentional or unintentional/ accidental. Please, please vote for these bills and know that you will save lives. We truly do not have a choice. We must protect our children, each other, and future generations.

I strongly support H.B. 7218, H.B. 7223, H.B. 7219 and S.B. 60 and urge you to favorably vote these bills out of the Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Cynthia R. Lignar
Chester, CT

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