

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

My name is Elizabeth Litt, and I am from Newtown. I am a parent and a grandparent. 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 love my country, and I wish I could feel that my children and grandchildren are safe here. How can I feel my family is safe, when anyone can order a gun online, or print one with a 3D printer, and law enforcement has no way of tracing these weapons when they're used by criminals or terrorists? How can I feel my family is safe, when I see someone with a gun, and have no idea, and even law enforcement can't find out, whether they have it legally? How can I feel my family is safe, when my grandchildren could go to a friend's home and find a gun lying around and, like poor Ethan Song, die from an accidental gunshot?

Guns are dangerous, and gun owners should treat them that way. Safe storage would reduce the risk of suicide and unintentional injury; it will also reduce crimes using stolen guns. Outlawing ghost guns would help keep guns out of the hands of bad guys. And allowing law enforcement to ask to see gun permits will help keep our public spaces safe. Gun owners should be required to register their guns, keep them safe, and prove that they have a permit to carry them.

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,

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