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

My name is Janet Luongo, I am from Norwalk, CT. I believe there are many common sense ways to increase gun safety and I support CT against Gun Violence, which is a moral program also supported by my faith.

I am testifying short of HB 7218, An act concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the House.

I am a gun violence prevention advocate because I want to protect my granddaughter, turning 3 years old. Her father, my son, owns a gun for protection when he hikes in the wilderness, but he sensibly does not keep it in the house, but locked up securely elsewhere. My granddaughter is safe at home, but what about when she visits other homes? In her town, a policeman left his gun out and his young son found it, played with it and was tragically accidentally killed. Similar to the heart-breaking story of young Ethan.

Common sense dictates that a gun owner, who owns a potentially fatal weapon, must be responsible, and should be **REQUIRED BY LAW** to keep it locked up, away from ammunition and children or any innocent bystander.

I strongly support, in addition, the other sensible gun safety Bills:

HB 7223, concerning gun safety in vehicles

HB 7219, concerning ghost guns

SB 60 concerning carry permits.

I urge you to favorably vote these bills out of the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you,

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