

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

My name is Carrie Mannino, I am from New Haven. I am a co-president of For Our Lives, an on-campus group at Yale that advocates for gun sense legislation.

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.

In my sophomore year of high school, a recently graduated senior, Nathan, who had starred in our musical and sat next to me each week in guitar ensemble, was killed when his friend's gun accidentally fired one night in his home. These sorts of accidents can't keep happening, and we need to enact legislation to prevent these tragedies.

Safe storage of firearms, in both the home and in vehicles, is vital to protecting children and family members in a gun-owning household. Accidents involving guns can easily be fatal, and safe storage laws are just common sense.

The introduction of 3D printed guns means that those who should not be allowed to purchase guns can own and operate firearms. This is a danger to public safety, and legislation addressing the new technology that allows the production of these guns is necessary.

Finally, open carry is a responsibility, and it is not an undue burden to ask carriers to show their permit, which they are required to have on their person when open-carrying firearms anyway.

I strongly support H.B. 7218, 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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