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**Subject:** SB 60; HB 7218, HB 7219, HB 7223, SB 940, HB 5227

My name is Michael Marek, and I live in New Britain.

I SUPPORT the following bills:

SB 940 An Act Authorizing Certain Persons to Carry Handguns in State Parks and State Forests

HB 5227 An Act Concerning the Regulation of Firearms by Municipalities

HB 5870 An Act Concerning Transfer of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines

I OPPOSE the following bills:

SB 60 An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit

HB 7218 An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home

HB 7219 An Act Concerning Ghost Guns

HB 7223 An Act Concerning the Storage of a Pistol or Revolver in a Motor Vehicle

To expand on each bill I offer the following:

I OPPOSE SB 60 due to the possibility of it being abused by those who disagree with the legal carrying of firearms. It is incumbent on dispatchers and police officers to inform callers that carrying a firearm is not illegal, and they should observe a person's behavior. If the firearm carrier is breaking a law the police should stop them. If the firearm carrier is not breaking any laws, but merely going about their business, they should not be stopped.

I OPPOSE HB 7218 because we already have safe storage requirements. If an unloaded firearm is accessed by someone other than the owner, there is no danger. If the firearm is then loaded it does present a danger. If there is no ammunition there is no danger. This bill is a solution in search of a problem. A firearm owner is responsible for access to his firearms, in his home, in public, in his motor vehicle. That is the current law.

I OPPOSE HB 7219 due to the fact that Federal law allows citizens to complete or manufacture personal firearms, and this bill contradicts that right. The statement of purpose is to ban guns without serial numbers and regulate those which are sold in a form requiring the purchaser to finish assembly or that are home made or 3-D printed. The bill actually goes beyond its statement of purpose to ban what Federal firearms law allows. This is an over reach and infringes on the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

I OPPOSE HB 7223 due to that fact that a, "securely locked safe" is not defined. Furthermore whether a firearm is in a, "securely locked safe" does not guarantee an unauthorized person will not gain access to a firearm.

I SUPPORT SB 940 because crimes happen in state parks and forests and law abiding citizens need to be able to protect themselves wherever they are, especially when police officers are remote, and stretched tight.

I SUPPORT HB 5227 because it is unfair for a law abiding citizen to be expected to know 169 towns' laws in reference to firearms when they have a permit from the State of Connecticut. The permit process consists of getting a local permit first and turning it in when receiving the state permit. Therefore the state permit supersedes the town permit.

I SUPPORT HB 5870 because legal items should be legally transferrable to other permitted individuals.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available to discuss these bills at your convenience.

Sincerely,  
Michael Marek