

March 9, 2019

Re: Testimony for H.B. 7218, H.B. 7223, H.B. 7219 / March 11th Hearing

My name is Kimberly Massuch, from Sandy Hook, CT. I am also a mother of two young children under the age of six, including one that that will start kindergarten in Newtown later this year. I want to testify herein, supporting 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*, and H.B. 7219, *An Act Concerning Ghost Guns*. These laws will save the lives of our children, family members, friends, and all of our citizens, whom deserve to live with peace of mind and prosper in a stronger, safer state. These are my testimonies on all three direly important bills.

In regards to H.B. 7218 and H.B. 7223, also commonly interpreted as a necessary safe storage laws, the fears that parents hold with these perpetual, negligent tragedies are far too more common than we all like to admit. My son now reaching kindergarten school age will soon want to have play-dates alone. I won't be there to watch over him anymore. It is the start of a terrifying transition for a parent that we all must face. Essentially, we give up our power to protect them. However, everyone knows that its common sense to lock up your firearms, and those who do not should be held accountable. If not, I'm petrified for my kid to live in a world without the implementation of laws that absolutely could save his life, and will without a doubt, save other lives.

Finally, with support to H.B.7219, ghost guns have no place in our state, country, or world. The potential for wide spread, unsolved crime is a huge concern. As well as my children growing up in the digital age, where if someone has the right legal materials, they can retaliate or seek revenge very easily by making a deadly weapon in the comfort of their own home. Please think of the demons involved with the rise of the digital age, as well as our children and teenager's safety going forward.

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

Sincerely a concerned citizen and gun violence prevention advocate,

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