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The attached testimony is in support of the following legislation:

- 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
- S.B. 60 An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit

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

My name is Caroline Miller I am from Chester, CT. I am writing as a parent and a concerned citizen.

Any type of legislation that will help stop the senseless gun related killings that occur in this country is a step in the direction this country should be moving. It is unbelievable with the number of gun related tragedies country that we are still fighting for small common sense gun safety measures.

HB 7218 and 7223 are gun safety measures. They do not stop the sale of guns but look to protect innocent people through good practices. If this legislation was in place in 2018, it may have protected Ethan Song, the 15-year old from Guilford, CT who was accidentally killed by an unsecured gun. If the gun was locked up and secured this child may have still be here today. This is not an infringement on owners' rights but a protection for those around them. Surveys and studies show that it is not uncommon for gun owners to store their guns unlocked.

HB 7219 should immediately be passed. These guns are sold under the radar of any legislation. Ghost guns carry no serial numbers. They are untraceable. They require no background check to purchase. There are no requirements to register these purchases. Individuals who are prohibited from possessing firearms can purchase these guns. I just don't understand how any legislator can be opposed to this piece of legislation.

S.B. 60 is just common sense legislation. That fact that this is being challenged is example of power of the gun lobby. If you are carrying a gun in public (which I question the necessity in a civilized society), you should be able to produce your license without question. Support for this legislation shows that we are putting our support behind our law enforcement officers instead of the NRA.

Thank you for taking my testimony and I urge you to support HB 7218, HB 7223, HB 7219 and SB 60.

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