

March 11, 2019

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee –

We are writing to you as parents of three children of voting age and five grandchildren who attend Connecticut schools. We are concerned American citizens. Since the shooting at Sandy Hook School on December 14, 2012, we have become acutely aware of the devastating effects of gun violence on the citizens of our nation. Connecticut has been a true leader legislatively, and for that, we are beyond thankful. I am hopeful that we will continue to lead the way when it comes to strong gun safety laws; the data has proven out that they work to reduce maimings and deaths, see <https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2015/06/12/gun-killing-fell-by-40-percent-after-connecticut-passed-this-law>

**Here I would like to document our SUPPORT for the following bills:**

- 1) HB-7218, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME (Ethan's Law).
- 2) HB-7219, AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.
- 3) HB-7223, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.
- 4) SB-60, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

**Here we would like to document our DISAPPROVAL of the following bills:**

- 1) SB - 940, AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.
- 2) HB- 5870, AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSUALT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.
- 3) HB-5227, AN ACT CONCERING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

We all need to do what is possible to protect our families, communities, cities, state and nation from gun violence. Moving forward in CT as recommended above is a good supportive measure.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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