

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

My name is **Travis Palonen**, I am from **Moosup, Connecticut**. I am testifying today **in support of;**

S.B. 940 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.

H.B. 5227 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

H.B. 5870 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I'm oppose to;

S.B. No. 60 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

H.B. No. 7218 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

H.B. No. 7219 AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.

H.B. No. 7223 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

I support S.B. No. 940 because it **will increase** my personal and my family's security and safety while enjoying our (the state of Connecticut's) wonderful, extensive, and large parks and forests. I live near Connecticut's largest state forest (Pachaug State Forest), and numerous, beautiful, and often desolate state parks. With the increased amount of **dangerous wildlife** in Connecticut on the rise, I believe this is a **sensible, practical, and must have** bill for law abiding citizen's to protect themselves and their families from wildlife danger.

I support H.B. No. 5227 because the regulating of firearms up to 169 more times is **much more confusing** for law abiding citizens. I also believe without this bill, towns are allowed to **infringe even further**, upon law abiding **citizens' First, Second, and Fourth Amendment** rights. It also prohibits a law abiding citizen **to freely move** about our state easily. Furthermore allowing towns to individually make regulations will only fabricate criminals, and **not reduce actual** crime, criminals, and criminal activity, **nor increase** actual public safety and security.

I support H.B. No. 5870 because it **will not increase** what has previously been declared "assault weapons" and "large capacity magazines", but allow **law abiding citizens** the ability to transfer **registered items** between them within our state. This will allow further exercise of law abiding citizens First, Second, and Fourth Amendment rights **without having** a negative impact on public safety or security. Furthermore, passing of this bill would **reinforce** that previous bills passed regulating these items were indeed passed with the **intent of public safety**, and not with the intent of **reducing or removing** law abiding citizens' First, Second, and Fourth Amendment rights for the purpose of government power.

I oppose S.B. No. 60, H.B. No. 7218, H.B. No. 7223 because **they will** significantly reduce my own personal security, and my ability to defend myself, and my family, especially in our own home.

I oppose H.B. No. 7219 because it will remove mine and other citizen's freedom to manufacture and modify firearms for our own personal, lawful use.

I believe all of the bills I oppose (S.B. No. 60, H.B. No. 7218, H.B. No. 7223, and H.B. No. 7219) **will not increase** public or private safety, **nor target, remove, or reduce** crimes, criminals, or criminal activity. These bills will only **reduce or remove law abiding citizens' ability** to protect themselves and their families, and **infringe upon** the God given rights and liberties of the **First, Second, and Fourth Amendments**, of the Bill of Rights, of the United States Constitution; of which is the foundation of our great country, and is **the right of every** law abiding United States citizen.

I urge you to **favorably vote**; S.B. 940, H.B. 5227, H.B. 5870 out of the Judiciary Committee and **oppose**; S.B. 60, H.B. 7218, H.B. 7219, H.B. 7223.

Sincerely,

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