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Please refrain from placing further confidence in punitive legislation that places ever more burdensome restrictions on the very citizens who have consistently demonstrated the least propensity to require them. Specifically:

SB 60, which a law-abiding permit holder could be forgiven for viewing as a presumption of wrongdoing simply on the basis of open carry;

HB 7218, which would further inhibit effective home defence while providing no real increase in child or public safety as compared to current law;

HB 7219, which would essentially turn today's law-abiding citizens into tomorrow's criminals (as in the case of PA13-3) while leaving unmolested those who are already committing crimes involving the use or manufacture of weapons; and

HB 7223, which would amount to yet another needless restriction with no practical benefit.

Such legislation serves only to further harass law-abiding citizens with increased presumption of irresponsibility and collective guilt. It also further strains the already overburdened resources of law enforcement to implement them, which can only detract from their efforts to confront the real problems affecting us all. In light of this truth, please lend your support to the following bills:

SB 940, which would enable effective personal defence against human or animal aggressors by those of us already vetted by this state to carry the means to do so in spaces with little or no other protective resources;

HB 5227, which would prohibit municipalities from further infringement of the US and Connecticut Constitutions' guarantees of the right to keep and bear arms; and

HB 5870, which also would affirm CT's trust in those of us vetted to possess affected devices to transfer them amongst ourselves without presumption of wrongdoing.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters, and for your service to our State and Nation.

Sincerely,

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