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Greenwich, CT 06831-4149
March 10, 2019

Re: Safe Storage of Firearms in Connecticut; Ghost Guns;
and Presentation of a Carry Permit

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

My name is Maryann Ramos. I am a Greenwich, CT resident. I have a degree in Public Health – Preventive Medicine, have retired from cared for veterans and active duty military as a physician assistant for over 20 of my 38 clinical and teaching years, and am currently a member of the Board of Health and a Medical Reserve Officer in the Town of Greenwich.

I am testifying in **support** of 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* and S.B. 60, *An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit*.

Supporting these bills is one good way to prevent unintended violence when children or others not aware of the finality of mishandling guns in the home or in vehicles can be kept from harm from an unsecured gun.

Presenting a Carry Permit is equated with presenting a Driver's License, in my estimation. It ensures the person carrying the gun is legally cleared to do so. Ghost guns are under everyone's radar. Homemade guns made from different manufacturer's parts are dangerous since they are untraceable, contain no serial number and could be in the hands of known criminals or those without understanding of consequences of weaponry.

Therefore, I strongly support H.B. 7218, H.B. 7219 and S.B. 60 and urge you to favorably vote these bills out of the Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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