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Dear Legislators and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is AnnMarie Sarbello and I am a resident of New Milford, Connecticut. I am writing to you as a mother, educator, coach, and active community volunteer to urge you to support HB-7218, HB-7219, and HB-7223.

More than once as an educator, I have sat through real lockdown drills in schools where there has been a true concern of an imminent threat. I have witnessed firsthand the fear and anxiety children and staff now face going to school. Children should feel safe going to school, the theater, church, or just going to their friend's house and parents should feel safe sending them to these places. However, that is not the world our children now live in. Lockdown drills are now part of their normal routines, but they are anything but normal. I can no longer sit idly by and that is why I write to you in support of these bills.

We must do all we can to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and those who might do harm to themselves or someone else. We must pass laws that help and support law enforcement. These bills are reasonable measures which will help increase the public's safety without violating the rights of responsible gun owners. Please support HB-7218, HB-7219, and HB-7223.

Thank you ,

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