

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Emma Sharma. I am a senior at Stamford High School and I am an active member of a gun violence prevention group at my school. 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.

I am a gun violence advocate because I am so sick and tired of turning on the news and greeted with the headline: "Kids Killed In School Shooting." My gun violence prevention group recently put up gun violence victim remembrance posters around the halls with pictures of those affected by this epidemic. With each face came a story of a beautiful life lost to senseless and preventable violence. I remember how devastating it was and still is to hear about the victims of the Sandy Hook and Marjory Stoneman Douglas shootings, as well as individuals like Marcus Hall and Ethan Song. Each of their lives were so special and unique, but taken away because they went to school, walked down the street, or went to a friend's house.

Common sense bills like H.B 7218 will prevent violence of all forms from school shootings and suicide to accidents and homicide. None of these bills infringe upon a person's individual rights, they only make us safer. I think this is a common goal amongst all people no matter our political differences. Bullets do not discriminate and life is too precious to neglect precaution.

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,

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