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Judiciary Committee,

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

This bill by its very name speaks volumes about its lack of validity. If you must use terms like “ghost” in a bill, it’s because its justification can only be propped up by promoting some scary concept. The reality is Americans have from the beginning been able to legally make their own firearms, subject to the same laws of possession as purchasing them. Once again, we see a bill that ignores the reality that criminals will procure guns through any number of illegal means. More laws simply expand the circle of law-abiding gun owners impacted, without any impact on criminals or crime. It’s already a law that all guns must have a certain percentage of metal in them, as is obtaining or possessing a firearm by a prohibited person.

If Connecticut was serious in fighting firearms crime, we wouldn’t see that 70% of firearms crimes are not prosecuted. Why was the Firearms Task Force defunded? Connecticut continually ignores real criminals committing real crimes while targeting law-abiding gun owners, and this bill is a perfect example

You must also understand that firearms manufactured before 1968 were not required to have a serial number, and many do not. To force a gun-owner to deface an antique and devalue it for no gain in public safety is simply wrong.

I urge you to oppose H.B No. 7219

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