

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

My name is Todd Szoka. I live in Colchester

I am testifying in **support** of H.B. 7219, *An Act Concerning Ghost Guns*.

The threat to public safety is real.

Ghost guns have been used in mass shootings, in attacks on law enforcement and have been seized in criminal investigations, including here in CT. In January 2019 a Southington man was convicted for trying to sell a ghost gun on armslist.com. In 2018 a Willimantic teen was arrested for selling multiple ghost guns, telling an undercover agent that demand was so high, he couldn't keep up.

We cannot let prohibited individuals simply evade background checks by making guns at home and we cannot let untraceable DIY guns flow into the black market to end up in the hands of criminals.

There is no valid reason for letting people evade Connecticut gun laws by making it possible to assemble untraceable guns at home without passing a background check or getting a gun permit.

Without a serial number, there is no way to trace guns used in crimes back to their owners. We cannot let untraceable assembled-at-home guns flow into the black market to end up in the hands of criminals.

CT must act because there is no plan to regulate ghost guns or 3D printed guns at the federal level.

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

Sincerely,

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