

March 6, 2019

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Val and i am a resident of East Lyme. I write to you today to express my strong support for responsible gun safety legislation, in particular, **HB-7218 An Act Concerning The Safe Storage Of Firearms In The Home, and HB-7219 An Act Concerning Ghost Guns.**

I am not a gun owner. I do not like guns. When i was a teenager my best friend had been shot, and then died from a family member. The shooter had access to the gun that was unsecure. I remember being helpless, sad, angry, disappointed, and frestrated. As a parent of a tenneager who is 14 and my son who is 12, i can't imagine what it would be like. The devastation that they felt. The amount of people who get shot in the U.S is overwhelming. Owning a firearm is a right but comes with responsibility. This should not be viewed as a partisan issue. Safety is a partisan. Children are not partisan. Guns don't see left or right or democratic or republican. All of us, our failing our children by not setting a high legal standard and holding violators to account for failure to safely store guns and ammunition. In my opinion, failing to pass HB-7218 for safe storage of a firearm is equivalent to to legalizing reckless endangerment and abuse of a child.

I also support HB-7219 An Act Concerning Ghost Guns. Purchasing a gun from unlicensed dealers is reckless. Why are we making our first responders life so harder, and all the criminals life easier.

Thank you for your time. I hope you will support HB 7218 and HB 7219.

Sincerely,
Val