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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am a survivor of the Sandy Hook School massacre and a very concerned American citizen. Since the Sandy Hook School shooting on December 14, 2012, I have personally experienced some of the devastating effects of gun violence, such as PTSD and other related health issues. Connecticut has been a legislative leader in passing gun sense laws, and for that I am grateful. I am hopeful Connecticut will continue to lead the way in passing strong gun safety laws; the data has proven that strong gun safety laws do reduce injuries and deaths. See:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2015/06/12/gun-killings-fell-by-40-percent-after-connecticut-passed-this-law>

**I SUPPORT the following bills:**

- 1) HB-7218, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME (Ethan's Law).
- 2) HB-7219, AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.
- 3) HB-7223, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.
- 4) SB-60, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

**I hereby document my REJECTION of the following bills:**

- 1) SB - 940, AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.
- 2) HB- 5870, AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.
- 3) HB-5227, AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

In order to keep our families, communities, cities, state, and nation safer from gun violence, passing the above-mentioned bills is the only way forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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