

## **RE: Oppose Raised H.B. No. 7219 AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS**

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Dear Legislators,

I oppose HB 7219 I urge you to oppose this bill.

The term "ghost" in this use is political nonsense intended to alarm the public. An individual hobby can be the creation of replica historic weapons, or even home manufacture of any weapon the person is authorized to possess. Use of any weapon, serialized or not, to commit a crime is already a crime.

Printing a work of art is, on its own, a protected activity, and while 3D printing enables art in breadth, depth and height, it is still a protected activity. Any individual who has a permit or lawfully owned firearms understands and recognizes they can forever lose their right to a permit or possession should they manufacture a contraband weapon. They just won't do that. Remember that over 260,000 CT citizens with permits are certified criminal free!

As a side note, historic firearms from the 1800s rarely have any modern serialization. A collector has, and must retain their right to home-gunsmith their own collection. This law does nothing to prevent. It's only another after the fact prosecution tool, redundant to any charge related to a primary crime.

Thank you for your time. Please oppose this bill.

Sincerely yours,

John Walters