

Honorable Co-chairs and ranking members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Scott Wilson. I am president of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League. We are a grassroots 2nd Amendment organization that was founded 10 years ago. For the record, I oppose and support the following bills on today's agenda:

Oppose: [S.B. No. 60](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF A CARRY PERMIT.

Oppose: [H.B. No. 7218](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE HOME.

Oppose: [H.B. No. 7219](#) AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS.

Oppose: [H.B. No. 7223](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.

Support: [S.B. No. 940](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS.

Support: [H.B. No. 5227](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Support: [H.B. No. 5870](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

Today's testimony will focus on two of the bills, but I am willing to address any of them should the committee wish to inquire.

HB5227 is a sorely needed piece of legislation. Currently we have over 260,000 individuals with permits to carry pistols or revolvers that have been background checked multiple times (local, state and federal) that are going out of their way to follow the laws of Connecticut. When cities or towns adding onerous restrictions into their municipal codes without consideration for permit holders or others that are transporting firearms legally, it puts them at risk to run afoul of ordinances in these localities. The understanding of those who obtain a permit to carry is that they have done their due diligence and are covered by the costly and time-consuming process of getting the permit. I ask any who oppose this, if they are simply going out of their way to turn law abiding citizens into criminals?

HB7218 Right now, we oppose this bill given the current language. We are hopeful that elements of PA90-144 that were never implemented can be mandated to educate school aged children from grades K-8 (or even higher). In my opinion, this was a failure of the legislative body at the time. The trail dead ends there, and the Police Chief's Association along with the State Board of Education never developed a plan. We are hopeful that this bill will include language that allows for CCDL to support it. We recognize that parents have an obligation to protect children, but we also must recognize that they cannot be with children in every circumstance. CCDL is a partner/supporter of Project ChildSafe, and we were named a local champion by the foundation in 2017.

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