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

My name is Jackie zVon, and I am from Sandy Hook, Connecticut. I am an advocate for children, and a member of several groups whose purpose is to promote gun violence prevention. I support all four bills before you today: H.B. 7218, *An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in the Home*, H.B. 7223 *An Act Concerning the Safe Storage of Firearms in Vehicles*, H.B. 7219, *An Act Concerning Ghost Guns* and S.B. 60 *An Act Concerning the Presentation of a Carry Permit*.

My testimony concentrates on H.B. 7218 and H.B. 7223. I am a trained Guardian ad Litem, an advocate for children who have entered the judicial system because of abuse or neglect. My only function in the role of GAL is to evaluate and assess a situation, and recommend a plan of action that is in the best interest of the child or children. Of utmost concern is the child's safety and well-being. These bills before you are designed to keep kids safe. Every day we read or see news stories about the death or injury of children from unsecured weapons. These are preventable tragedies; and the measures to prevent them are reasonable, and do not infringe on the rights of gun owners. Any responsible gun owner will appreciate the value of the simple measures these bills would impose; and any compassionate human being will appreciate the value of saving lives.

I hope that you will evaluate and assess the situation before you, and that you will put the best interests of Connecticut's children first and foremost. Please do the right thing and favorably vote these bills out of the Judiciary Committee, to ultimately pass these bills into law soon. Saving lives is always the good and honorable thing. Our children deserve to be protected, and as long as they remain minors, we are the "grown-ups in the room" tasked with keeping them safe.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,  
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