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#566. Good day. My name is peter white a resident of Southbury. I have a coworker who was shot during a training class. We had been issued new side arms and while showing one officer how to break the weapon down, he shot that officer. The officer was shot through his forearm and the bullet was lodged between his ribs. The officer has what could be permanent injury to his hand due to nerve damage and because he had a pre existing diabetes issue the bullet will not be removed from in between his ribs. The officer has been out of work for over a year and has a family which he is having difficulty in providing for. The officer became a police officer to help others. As with most officer we do what other people choose not to do. I feel that now that this officer along with others who need help should be able to get assistance. I feel a bill should be passed in order to assist these officers and other that will with out doubt need assistance in the future. Thank you. Sergeant Peter White.