To the Judiciary Committee re: SB 16 *AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME*.

There was a 14% increase in pistol permits from 2020 to 2021.

The largest increase was in females of unknown race at 75%, followed by black females at 66%.

The least amount of increase was among white males.

You have a lot a nerve declaring that Connecticut is among one of the safest states regarding "gun violence" and yet still push for the kind of far-reaching, over-arching and egregious proposals that Senate Bill 16 is introducing.

I want you to look into the face of each and everyone one of these new, LEGAL gun owners, black, brown, Asian, female, male and tell them that THEY and their "damn guns" are the problem.

<u>I respectfully request that you OPPOSE Senate Bill 16</u>

A concerned citizen of this state,

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