Joint Committee on Judiciary

Legislative Office Building

Room 2500

Hartford CT 06106

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

Know that I absolutely **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 16.

STOP using the term "ghost gun". You are simply trying to scare the public into thinking it's some particularly dangerous firearm that fires "30 bullets within half a second. Thirty, magazine, clip, in half a second," as quoted by California State Senator Kevin DeLeon in a 2014 press conference. They are HOMEMADE firearms, a long-standing American tradition. You have already required any HOMEMADE firearms to be serialized and have grandfathered in any HOMEMADE firearms made before 2019. Now, you want to change your tactics and require those to be registered? Tell me, just how many HOMEMADE unserialized firearms were used in crimes? How does that compare with all the other firearms used in crimes? I bet it is extremely small. And of that number of firearm arrests by repeat felons, how many were dropped?

Stop making up more laws. ENFORCE the ones you have!

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Thank you

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