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I urge you to oppose HB-5112, which would render handgun permit information public record. While I am not a CT resident, my in-laws live in CT and my wife and I were both born in CT. We are often in CT to visit.

My wife is a certified firearms safety instructor. She was considering getting an out of state non-resident CT permit so that she could teach firearms safety classes when she visits her parents and had the paperwork filled out and ready to turn in. Even though we possess valid concealed weapons permits from other states which have more stringent safety training requirements that CT does, CT refuses to honor any other state's permits. CT's extremely stringent firearms laws make it legally hazardous to even transport a firearm to a range to conduct a safety training class without the CT pistol permit.

If CT passes 5112, the state will have demonstrated that it has no respect for the privacy or physical safety of permit holders. Due to my military service, I am often deployed away from home. Publishing the home address of law abiding citizens with a note that she owns valuable sensitive items like firearms is incredibly irresponsible. Even proposing this legislation demonstrates that the state of CT cannot be trusted to handle sensitive information like pistol permits responsibly.

My wife will certainly not be pursuing a handgun permit in the state of CT until this legislation is clearly put down with a strong majority vote. It is a shame that CT feels it necessary to target law abiding citizens with intimidation based tactics.

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