

To: Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence and State Representatives 03/13/2013

Subject: HB 5112 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS HOLDING HANDGUN PERMITS.

By exposing the names and addresses of CCW permit holders, this will give thieves the upper hand as to who potentially owns handguns and provide planning opportunities for individuals or groups of individuals to take advantage of knowing what people have firearms in their homes and who do not.

For the people who do own and possess handguns, the thief simply needs to wait until there is no one home, or worse, that only the firearm owner is not home, to defend his property and loved ones.

In the event there could possibly be elderly parents or other family members living in the dwelling, and home at the time of the break in, they themselves could become victims of the perpetrators and used as pawns to gain access to firearms that are safely locked up in appropriate and approved repositories (safes). Calling the police will most likely NOT be an option at that point.

On the other hand, homes where the residents do not have personal protection will also be exposed, leaving them totally helpless. While they may be able to call the police if they are home, chances of a response on the scene in time is most unlikely.

Please be fair and reasonable about this very sensitive issue. Connecticut has already made the correct decision in safe guarding the names by keeping them confidential for just reasons.

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