

**Testimony of Daniel Wade of East Lyme in support of  
SB 299 ACT Concerning communication among state and local police  
Gun Violence Committee Public Hearing  
Thursday, March 14, 2013**

SB 299 State police should use the State-wide Police emergency network as a notification tool to communicate state security. This is logical and will allow better communication.

SB 506 I support criminal background checks.

SB 505 I do not support, how can we justify sending 18 year old Men to war with a rifle and a pistol and the ability to launch nuclear weapons, drones with bombs etc. and say that civilians are less responsible and they have to wait till they are 21? Also many competition shooters would not be allowed to participate in the sport until they are 21.

SB 710 Gun show permits will make it too subjective and prohibitive to have gun shows within our state. As a result of passing this law, people will simply buy their guns in neighboring states, which is similar to the diesel and fuel taxes within our state, large trucks AND small cars simply pass through our state and purchase fuel in RI or MASS. We currently have gun show statutes, Sec. 29-37g, as you are already aware.

SB 897 I am against because if the proposed bill is covered in CT gen stat 53-206d, 29-33, 29-37a. and furthermore you are making the legal percentage of alcohol go up not down from the existing stats.

SB 1076 is a flagrant disregard of our constitutional rights. "Assault Weapons" are already very tightly controlled in CT by very strict statutes. These firearms are classified as "in common use" by 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment standards. The characteristics specified are cosmetic in nature. Changing the requirement from two characteristics to one and adding a barrage of other requirements will not make these firearms any less lethal.

B6162 is going to affect people that are in the same home with someone who has been institutionalized. This will force people to send their loved ones into institutions (if they have been previously institutionalized) if they wish to own guns. Also fewer people will be institutionalized in the first place knowing that anyone associated with them will be prohibited from owning guns-not good. This has potential to prevent necessary treatment of the person in need.

HB 6251 forces everyone who is going to transfer a firearm to be trained in fingerprinting? This is absurd.

HB 6595 anyone who intentionally discharges a firearm within 500 feet of a residential property: I do not support this because gen stat. 53-203 covers negligence of a firearm. We should enforce existing law. How will this affect a person defending their home using a firearm? Will they automatically become a criminal for firing at a violent intruder?

HB 6598

B1071 Criminal injuries compensation fund is just another fund that will be abused and misused by the people that disperse the money.

I support meaningful efforts to address the problems of violent crime and mass violence in America, through swift and certain prosecution of violent criminals; securing our schools; and fixing our broken mental health system.

Sincerely;  
Daniel J. Wade  
392 Boston Post Rd  
East Lyme, CT 06333  
860-383-3361