

# 2A Tuesdays

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**THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING (LOB)  
300 CAPITOL AVENUE, HARTFORD, CT**

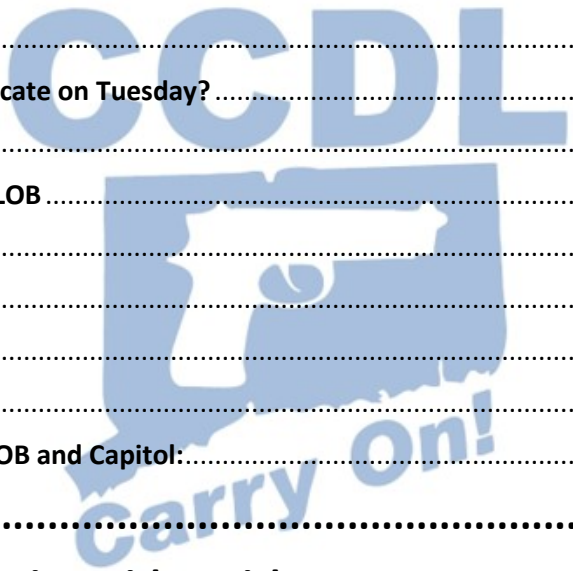
*From*

**9:30 AM to 6 PM**

**May 23**

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## Goal

HB6667 AN ACT CONCERNING GUN VIOLENCE “2023 ASSAULT WEAPON BAN” is expected to come up for a vote as early as next. The goal is to remind all the legislators of how many legal firearms owners, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Supporter, and how large of a voting block we are.

## 2A Tuesday Timeline

The exact times are subject to change.

**9:30 AM-1:00 PM-** Standing outside on the sidewalks sign waving. ([See Map](#)).

**1:00 PM-** Start to Line up to enter the LOB (great time to grab coffee/breakfast).

**1:00 PM-2:30 PM-** We will be in the LOB on the 1st, 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4th Floors.

**2:15 PM-** Group Picture on the 1st Floor of the LOB.

**2:30 PM-2:45 PM-** Cross over to the Capitol building using the 1st Floor Concourse.

**2:45 PM-3:30 PM-** Most members will be on the 1st and 2nd floor of the Capitol (this is a great time to take a self-guided tour of the Capitol building).

**2:30 PM-** The House of Representatives is scheduled to start the session (typically there are delays)

**2:30 PM-6:00 PM-** Standing in the Capitol on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Floor Nathan Hale (House) side of the Capitol.

## Logistics

### Directions

#### I-84 East

- Take Exit 48, Capitol Avenue, and get into the right lane of the exit ramp.
- At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Capitol Avenue.
- Take the first right past the Legislative Office Building, proceed past the LOB, and follow the parking instructions.

#### I-84 West

- Take Exit 48, Asylum Street, at the end of the exit ramp turn right at the light onto Asylum Street.
- At the YMCA turn left onto Broad Street, and proceed through two stop lights, immediately after the Armory building take the first left and then another left at the end of the short access road.
- Follow this road to the garage and follow the parking instructions.

## I-91 North or South

- Take Exit 29A, Capitol Avenue, and proceed through the Pulaski Circle at the end of the long exit road.
- Take a right on Elm Street and turn left at Trinity Street.
- Go past the Capitol building, and the I-84 entrance ramp, all on your right.
- Take the first right past the Legislative Office Building, proceed past the LOB, and follow the parking instructions.

## Parking

**Limited free public parking** is available on the first floor and underground levels of the LOB parking garage.

It's best to get there early and carpool. If you arrive early, you have a better chance of getting a spot in the (LOB) Garage. (Peak LOB Garage hours are 10 AM- 1 PM).

The LOB Garage is just beyond the entrance to the LOB. Turn right at the garage stop sign and enter the garage using the right-hand lane (visitors). A Capitol police car is typically parked near the entrance. You can park on the first floor. Some spaces are reserved for people with disabilities, electric cars for charging, and for compact cars.

If you circle the first floor and all the spaces are full, go back out to the stop sign, turn right, and follow the road down to the back entrance on the right. Proceed slowly to the gate, it will open automatically, at the end of the row, and turn left by the bright blue wall. *Be careful* as it is a *tight fit*. You will then enter the underground garage. You can park in any of the spaces.

If the underground spaces are also full, go back out to Capitol Avenue.

**Additional Parking-** There are paid lots in the area (*21 Oak St, 1 Grand Street, or 63-89 Capitol Ave*), Free or Metered on-street parking is available on *Oak, Russ, Lafayette, and Buckingham Streets*.

## What to wear

Wear comfortable shoes. Wear your CCDL Shirt, Hat, and Lapel pin. We will have CCDL Lapel Sticker to wear.

## What should I do to advocate on Tuesday?

We are glad you asked and there are a few great things for you to do.

Just the mere presence of CCDL members in the building sends a clear message. Wearing your CCDL shirt or lapel sticker helps legislators and staff identify the cause you are advocating for.

Contacting your Senator and Representative while at the LOB is very important. It puts them on alert about the bill and lets them know their constituents are in the building advocating against HB6667. Tip: leave your cell number when you call. Ask to meet with them when they're available to talk about HB6667 or call in advance to schedule a time to meet them on Tuesday. Find your Legislator's name and phone number in advance.

Go to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and drop off a handwritten note for your legislator. Feel free to print and fill out the [CCDL form](#).

Hand out fact sheets to the legislators as they walk by.

Be sure to be polite and professional to all legislators, staff, and guests.

Take a self-guided tour of the capitol to enjoy some of Connecticut's amazing history (guidebooks are located at the information desk to the left as you first walk in the LOB).

### **LOB Entry and Security**

Enter the LOB through the first-floor revolving doors on the western end. You must pass through metal detectors to enter the LOB or the Capitol. SEE the [list of Items Prohibited From Entering the Capitol Complex](#). The process is similar to TSA procedures, empty your pockets and if wearing a belt with heavy metal remove your belt and place it in the bin, you do not need to remove your shoes, follow the instructions of staff, after you go through the metal detectors grab your bin with your items and go to the far end of the table to allow others to proceed through the metal detectors. This will speed up the process for members behind you.

### **Services available at the LOB**

**Food and drink:** The cafeteria is on the first floor of the LOB – enter down a little hall to the right of the elevators. The cafeteria offers coffee, snacks, sandwiches, a grill, and a salad bar. The cafeteria opens at 7:00 AM and closes at 3:00 PM. There is a Newsstand with snacks, aspirin, newspapers, etc. on the first floor of the LOB on the hall toward the Capitol. There are snack and drink machines in the hall behind the stairs on the LOB's first floor and in the Capitol's basement.

**ATM:** There is an ATM on the first floor of the LOB, as you walk from the LOB toward the Capitol through the underground concourse.

**Places to sit:** There is a lot of waiting around at the Capitol and LOB. You can sit in the cafeteria, in the "break out areas" on the second floor of the LOB, the House Gallery on the 3rd floor of the Capitol, and there are numerous benches in both buildings.

**Restrooms:** In the LOB, there are restrooms to the left of the elevators on the first floor, and down the hall to the right of the elevators on the second floor. In the Capitol, there are restrooms on the North side of the building on the first, second, and third floors.

**Getting Between the LOB and Capitol:** You can travel between the LOB and the Capitol by the underground Concourse located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LOB. If you exit the building, you will need to go through the metal detectors again.

## Rules and tips

**Velvet ropes and galleries:** To watch the House or Senate in session, you can go to their respective galleries. The House Gallery is on the south side of the fourth floor of the Capitol. The Senate has two galleries (depending on which side of the Senate circle you want to watch) – both are on the north side of the fifth floor. The Galleries are quiet areas, and no signage is allowed.

If you want to talk to a legislator, you should text them, talk to their aide, or wait outside the chambers for them to walk by. There are velvet-roped areas that you must try to stay behind to keep an open path.

Know who your state representative and senator are and know what they look like.

## Tips for Communicating with Legislators

Legislators want and expect to be contacted by their constituents. They don't receive many emails, letters, or calls about most issues, but when they receive numerous about the same issue, they pay attention. They must hear from you. Contact them; It does make a difference.

*If not you, then who? If not now, then when?*

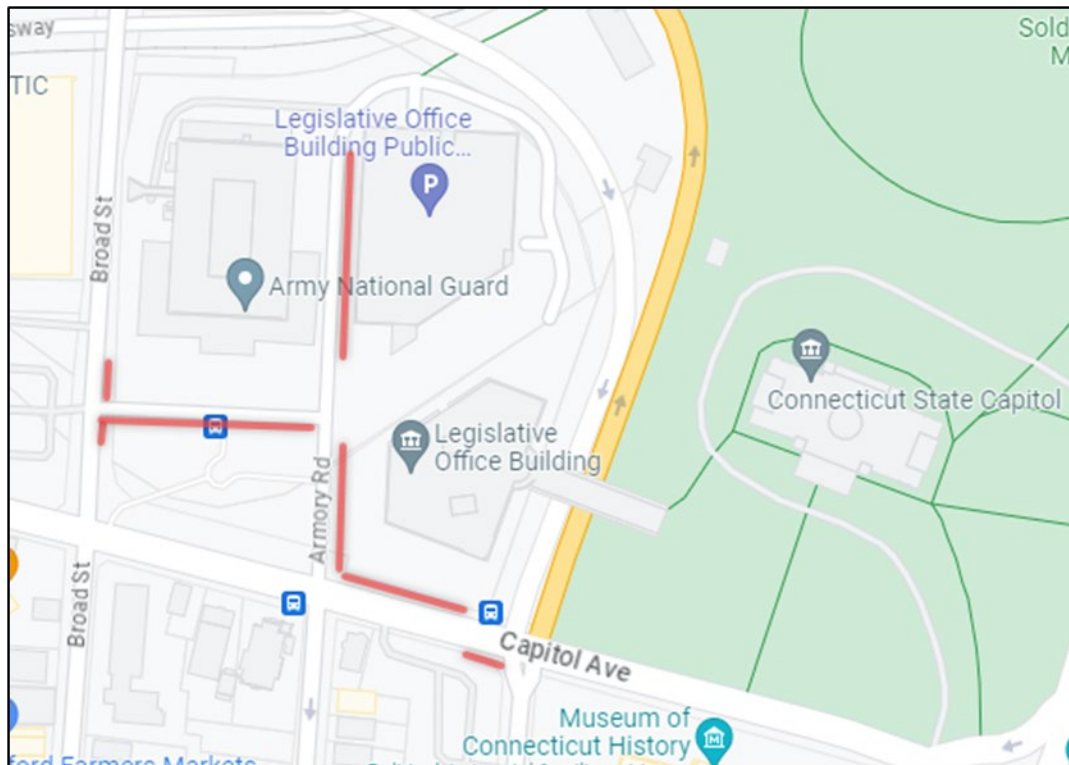
### Face-to-Face:

- A face-to-face visit is the most effective way to influence a legislator.
- Legislators are very busy; so be flexible and try to schedule a meeting at their convenience.
- When you call to schedule the appointment let them know what issue you want to discuss.
- Limit your meeting to one or two issues.
- Keep the meeting polite and friendly.
- Exchange ideas, if possible bring others from your town with you.
- Leave literature about your issue and or a CCDL brochure, or fact sheet; this will serve as a visual reminder of your visit.
- If the legislator is unable to meet or attend the scheduled meeting ask to meet with their legislative aide instead.
- Treat all staff with respect.
- If asked a question you don't know the answer to, promise to get back to them and be sure to do so. You need to be a reliable source of information.

### Walk-ins:

- Possibly the least utilized way to communicate with legislators is a walk-in visit.
- When at the capital; stop by their office.
- When at the capitol, stop by their office and tell them you're there.
- There is a chance that they'll be unavailable, leave a handwritten note.
- Walk-in memo forms are available from the receptionist or are on the counter near their office on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Or pre-print CCDL's Walk-in form.
- Leave them your cell phone number in case they want to contact you while you are at the capitol.

### Map



**The highlighted area is the sidewalk area to stand and walk.**