

VOTE NO



Proponent's Reasons for Proposal

One incident of gun violence is too many. Our laws, among the strongest in the country, contribute to CT having one of the lowest firearm mortality rates, however, require continual revision to keep them current, strong, and enforceable. Our gun laws have not kept pace with the rapid evolution of firearm design, technology, or the nature of gun violence. Our laws have become less effective in preventing firearms — from falling into the hands of people who perpetrate violence. This bold, comprehensive approach will institute commonsense gun reforms, close loopholes, and make our gun-safety laws enforceable.



What's in the Bill?

More Firearm Bans

- Creates a 2023 Assault Weapon Ban
- Bans .22 caliber common target rifles
- Bans a whole class of "other" type firearms
- Bans Modern Sporting Rifles mfg. prior to '94
- Sales of pistols without chamber indicators

Purchase Limits

- One handgun a month
- 10-day wait period
- Raises the age to purchase a long gun to 21
- Permit to purchase body armor

Additional Restrictions

- Bans openly carrying a handgun
- Bans the carry *anywhere* that serves alcohol
- Additional Requirements to obtain a permit
 - Two hours of Firearm Law Training
 - Two hours of live fire at the range
- Requires an additional license for gun stores
- All firearms are to be locked in your home

Reasons for Opposition

Connecticut is one of the states with the most restrictive firearm laws. Currently, to purchase or carry a firearm, you need to take an 8-hour class, pass 5 background checks by the local police, FBI, and state police that include multiple state agency databases—pay hundreds of dollars, and must wait months.

The fact that CT passed and continues to pass more discriminatory firearm restrictions and the claims that gun violence continues— is evidence that the restrictions on the law-abiding do not curtail gun violence. Good law-abiding residents should not be the continued target of restrictions on their unalienable constitutional rights. All while 70-90% of gun-related charges continue to go unprosecuted.

Public Hearing by Numbers

93% OPPOSED HB6667

Date: March 6th

Time: 11 hours+

Speakers: 166 signed up

Written Testimony: Over 4,460

OPPOSED: 4,160+

Support: 300



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CLAIM vs FACT

Claim: No Purchase limits- makes it easier for criminals to purchase firearms in bulk.

FACT: Federal regulation requires a gun store to notify ATF when multiple purchases are made.

FACT: The state police require a prior authorization number for every firearm transfer, they already know who is making multiple purchases and can deny the transfers.

Claim: Delaying instant access to firearms by creating a 10-day cooling-off period will prevent impulsive acts of gun violence and suicides.

FACT: You need a permit to buy any firearm in CT- On average it takes 12-16 weeks to obtain a carry permit.

FACT: Victims of firearm suicide tend not to purchase the firearm on the same day.

Claim: Residents are surprised that open carry is permitted for individuals who have a permit.

FACT: Residents are generally surprised to learn about many of our laws.

FACT: Open carrying of a firearm is legal 45 states.

Claim: Banning open carry will prevent intimidation at protests and polling places.

FACT: There have been NO incidents of individuals open carrying intimidating CT residents at polling locations or protests.

Mary F.- a mother, small business owner, emergency dispatcher, self-defense instructor, certified mental health crisis aide, advocate for Gun Rights, and **a violent crime survivor**. She testified about her horrific attack and how her firearm saved her life. After a man broke into her home and attacked her. She fought for her life for over a minute before she was able to get to her firearm.

If this bill was law, her firearm would have been locked up. **Mary would have had to turn her back on her attacker to enter the code to the firearm safe**, giving the attacker the upper hand, Mary might not be here today.

When a woman needs to protect herself from an attacker seconds count.

Over 86,000 women in Connecticut have a firearm permit and choose to protect themselves every day.

Nikki G.- Opposes a ban on carrying where alcohol is served and for a very heartfelt reason. Nikki's husband Ben **was shot seven times and killed in front of her by a man who was stalking her**.

This occurred inside a restaurant that served alcohol, in a gun-free zone because at that time in her state, carry permit holders were prohibited by law from carrying in restaurants that served alcohol, even though she was the designated driver.

She left her legally permitted firearm locked inside her vehicle, in the parking lot that night- obeying the law. The stalker did not have a permit and brought a gun into a gun-free zone and shot Nikki's husband Ben- killing him. Nikki testified that she would wonder for the rest of her life if she could have prevented the murder of her husband.

Over 7,400 businesses in CT serve alcohol- restaurants, cafes, taverns, diners, and private social clubs.

Brandon B.- the husband of someone who has been a victim of a sexual assault, it makes him and his wife feel better knowing that she can carry when she goes out, that **she can defend herself if needed**, so that she may never become a victim again.

It is already a crime to carry a firearm while under the influence of alcohol.