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2023 MARCH 6th PUBLIC HEARING GUIDE

Introduction

This is your complete guide to the Connecticut General Assembly Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on Monday, March 6th at 9:00 A.M. The public hearing can be viewed via [YouTube Live](#) and may be broadcast live on [CT-N.com](#).

Two ways to advocate for your rights at the public hearing.

- 1) [Submit](#) written testimony by Monday, March 6, 2023 (earlier is better) via the [NEW online submission form](#).
- 2) [Sign up](#) to speak in advance in person, via Zoom or telephone, by 3:00 P.M. March 5th

Submitting written testimony take 90 seconds- You do not need to be an expert to advocate for your rights. A short simple I oppose or I support is fine.

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

If you still have questions? CCDL is here to assist you.

Contact CCDL's Legislative Coordinator Ray Bevis at legislative@ccd.us or call (860) 800-CCDL



CCDL has tried to make this as easy as possible- Scan the QR Code and follow these easy steps-

1. Scan QR Code
2. Select Hearing Date 3/6/2023
3. Select HB06667 -AA ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE
4. Select HB06816 -AA MICROSTAMPING-ENAMBLED
5. Select Oppose
6. Type In My Testimony "I Oppose"
7. Select "I'm not a robot"
8. Submit Testimony
9. Congratulations! You've made a difference!



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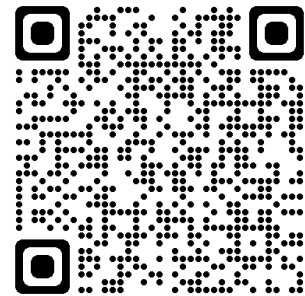
STEP 1 _____ Prepare your written testimony- Think briefly about what you wish to write

STEP 2 _____ Submit your written testimony via the **NEW online submission form**



STEP 3 _____ Contact your **state** Senator and Representative and advise them that you submitted testimony- **Find your Legislator**

STEP 4 _____ **Register to testify** either in person, via zoom or telephone, before **Sunday, March 5th, 3:00 P.M.**



STEP 1: How to prepare written testimony

- Keep it short, to the point, and polite. Limit your testimony to one page
- Even just a few words are fine- I am Opposed or I Support
- Be clear about whether you oppose or support the bills
- Give personal reasons why these bills are important to you
- Point out the effects these bills will have on you or groups of people
- Any testimony is better than none. Do not worry about the format

STEP 2: How to submit your written testimony

- There is a NEW online form to submit your testimony this year.
- You can use the new state form to write your testimony in a text box or upload a pdf or word document- CCDL advises that you pre-write your testimony and copy and paste it into the form. Sometimes the system times out before you are able to complete it.
- Fill out the form completely>Select the hearing date (3/6/2023) > Select the bills you wish to comment on (HB06667, HB06816, HB06817) > Select oppose, support or general comments > Select how you wish to submit your testimony > Type, copy and paste or upload your testimony > select I am not a robot > Select submit testimony > and acknowledge the popup verification boxes.
- Try to submit your testimony *24 hours before the hearing*, if possible.



STEP 3: How to send a copy of your testimony to your legislator

- To find your State Legislator's email address:
 - Go to [Find your Legislator](http://www.cga.ct.gov) at www.cga.ct.gov
 - Select your Town, Street, and enter your house number
 - Select 'Find'
 - Click on their title to email them
 - Let your legislator know you're a constituent that submitted testimony and if you signed up to speak at the public hearing- If possible copy and paste your testimony into the email



STEP 4: How to testify at a Public Hearing in person, via Zoom, or by Telephone

Public Hearings are hybrid this year offering speaking options in person in Hartford, online via Zoom, or phone. ALL speakers ***MUST register in advance*** using the Testimony Registration form or those with no internet access can call the Phone Registrant Line at 860-240-0530- **The deadline to register is Sunday, March 5th at 3:00 P.M.**

How to testify via Zoom

- To testify via Zoom you ***MUST register by the deadline*** using the [online registration form](#)
- Registration will close on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at 3:00 PM
- After you register you will receive a pending approval email
- Before the hearing you will receive an email with the Zoom login link
- [Speaking order](#) will be posted on the Judiciary Committee website on Sunday, March 5, 2022, after 6:00 PM
- To [find the speaking](#) order go to the Judiciary Committee [website](#) > Select Public Hearings > Select Testimony > Select the Hearing Date 03/06/2023 > Select Click for Speaker Order
- Be sure to login into Zoom about 10-12 speakers ahead of you, some may not be present and will get passed moving you up
- Just before you it is your turn to speak you will get an invite on the Zoom screen to become a presenter-Accept the invite. This will allow you to speak for your testimony.
- Make sure to mute yourself until you are called
- When you are called, unmute yourself, turn on your camera, and begin your testimony
- Introduce yourself clearly and the town in which you reside
- Be clear on your position and what bills you are testifying on
- You will have three minutes to speak
- When finished wait a moment to see if any legislators have questions
- After speaking you will automatically be removed from Zoom- Tune in on [YouTube](#) or CT-N.com if you wish to continue watching the hearing.

How to testify via telephone

- To testify by telephone, call the Phone Registrant Line at (860) 240-0560 and leave your contact information and what bills you wish to speak on
- If registered to testify via telephone you will receive a call prior to when it's your turn to testify
- When it is your turn to speak begin your testimony
- Introduce yourself clearly and the town in which you reside
- Be clear on your position and what bills you are testifying on
- You will have three minutes to speak
- When finished wait a moment to see if any legislators have questions



TIPS for testifying virtually

- First time testifying? Have **NO fear**, it is your right, and you will not be the only first timer
- CCDL is here for you. If you have any questions [email](mailto:legislative@ccd.us) CCDL at legislative@ccd.us
- Make sure you [pre-registered](#) in advance, prior to Sunday, March 5th **3:00pm**
- State your name and town for the record
- Be clear on your position and what bills you are testifying on
- Testimony is recorded and part of the public record
- Make it personal, tell your story and why this is important to you
- If asked a question be polite and direct
- If you don't know the answer, offer to research and get back to them
- Increase your bandwidth - limit the number of devices connected to the internet
- Prepare materials in advance- print out what you want to say

Preparing your testimony – Brief overview of the bills on the agenda

There are multiple 2nd Amendment bills on the public hearing [agenda](#). You may wish to speak on one or multiple or all the bills- you are limited to a total of three minutes to give your oral testimony for all the bills you choose to speak on.

[BILLS FOR REVIEW](#)

OPPOSE: [H.B. No. 6667](#) AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE.

No Position: [H.B. No. 6834](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SERIOUS FIREARM OFFENSES BY REPEAT OFFENDERS.

OPPOSE: [H.B. No. 6816](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS, RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AND RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR.

SUPPORT: [H.B. No. 6817](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS TO OWN, POSSESS OR CARRY A FIREARM.





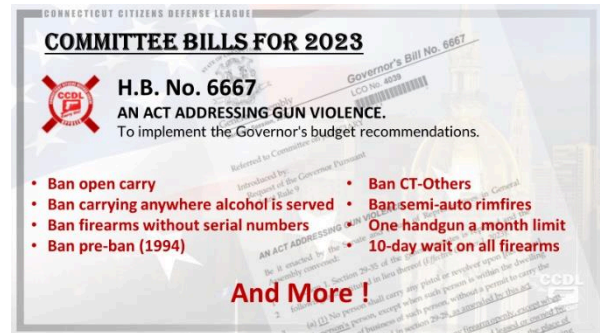
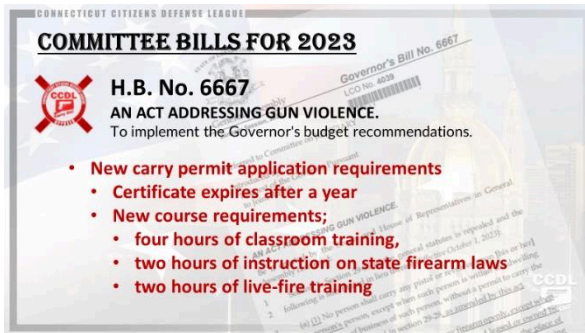
H.B. No. 6667 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE.

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Introduced by: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Main points of the bill:

This is a 73-page of the most extreme gun control that has been proposed since 2013. This bill originates from Governor Lamont's budget proposal. In a series of press releases, Governor Lamont released a few of his highlights for his 2023 Legislative Proposal: [Taking Action To Eliminate Gun Violence](#), [Preventing Mass Shootings](#), and improve [Gun Safety Laws To Prevent Suicides, Accidents, and Domestic Violence](#).



Section 1. (Effective October 1, 2023)

- Bans the open carry any firearms- unless in your residence, or place of business. Bona fide hunting, or a mere "fleeting glimpse" of a firearm.
- Bans carrying any establishment licensed for on-premises alcohol consumption. Exceptions for Police, military, Parole officer, Department of Motor Vehicles inspector, Federal marshals, and Member of any military organization when on parade.

Section 2. (Effective from passage)

- Requires the registration, application to get a serial number, and engraving of the serial number of any firearm that was assembled prior to 2019 that does not have a serial number that was manufactured after December 16, 1968.

Section 3. (Effective from passage)

- Bans the sale, delivery, or transfer of more than one handgun per 30-day period.
- This does not apply to any firearm transferred to a federal, state, or municipal law enforcement agency, a federally licensed firearm dealer, any firearm transferred by bequest or intestate succession, or, upon the death of a testator or settlor: To a trust, or from a trust to a beneficiary, or a transfer to a museum, and does not apply to antique pistols or revolvers manufactured before 1898 or replica of.

Section 4. (Effective July 1, 2023)



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- Require a local and state permit for anyone that sells 10 or more firearms within a calendar year.
- Requires all FFL to apply for a new state license and comply with additional requirements.

Section 6. (Effective July 1, 2023)

- Imposes an additional \$200.00 fee for the newly required State FFL license.

Section 10. (Effective October 1, 2023)

- Imposes a mandatory 10-day waiting period before taking possession of any firearms after receiving the state transfer authorization.

Section 11. (Effective October 1, 2023)

- Bans the sales and transfer of long guns to anyone under the age of 21 years old.

Section 12. (Effective October 1, 2023)

- Requires **all** firearms to be securely locked up in your home when you are not carrying the firearm or is within close proximity.

Section 25. (Effective from passage)

- Creates a “2023 Connecticut Assault Weapon Ban”
- Expands the 2013 Connecticut “Assault Weapon” ban to include all .22 rifles that have a detachable magazine and ONE of the listed features.
- Bans the sale and transfer of any “Assault Weapon” manufactured before 1994

Section 32. (Effective October 1, 2023)

- Changes the new carry permit applications requirements after July 1, 2024
- Will require an additional two hours of instruction on state laws on ownership and use of firearms
- And two hours of live-fire training including training on pistols and revolvers.
- Require any person wishing to provide such a course to apply for approval by the state.

Section 33. (Effective January 1, 2024)

- Ban the sales of all semiautomatic pistol or revolver manufactured after January 1, 2024, unless such pistol or revolver is equipped with a loaded chamber indicator, and if the pistol or revolver accepts a detachable magazine, and is equipped with a magazine disconnect lockout.





[H.B. No. 6816 AN ACT CONCERNING MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS, RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AND RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR.](#)

[Statement of Purpose:](#)

To require an investigation of the technological viability of and possible requirements concerning microstamping-enabled pistols, raise the age to purchase ammunition, and restrict the sale and possession of body armor.

[Main points of the bill:](#)

To allow the state police to investigate the feasibility of microstamping and if found to be viable to implement microstamping protocols, criteria and standards. And four years after implanting such microstamping protocols this will ban the sale or transfer of any pistol manufactured after this point without microstamping. Ban the sale of ammunition and magazines to anyone under the age of 21 years old. And this bill will ban the sale of body armor to any civilian.



[H.B. No. 6817 AN ACT CONCERNING AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS TO OWN, POSSESS OR CARRY A FIREARM.](#)

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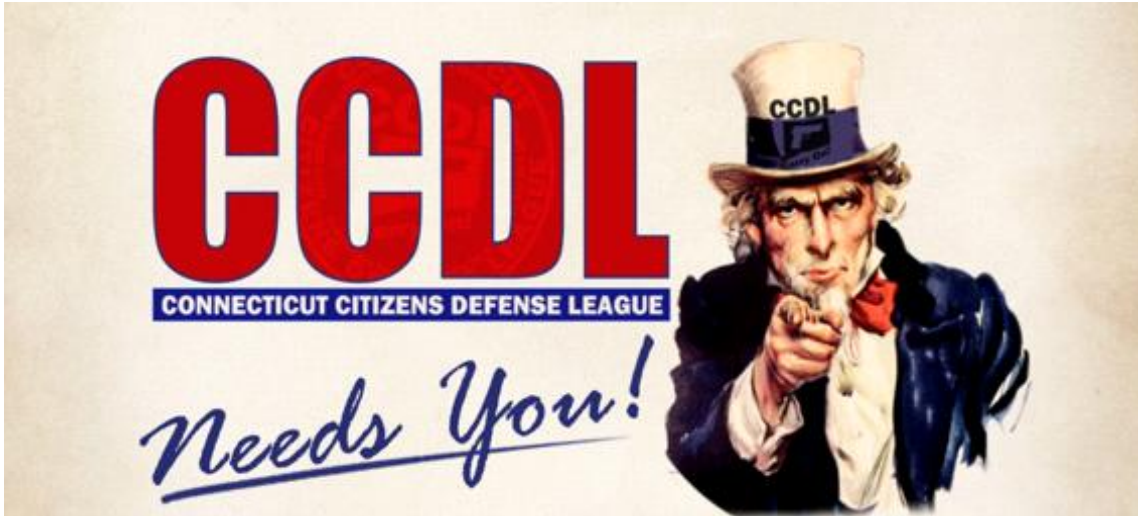
- (1) Clarify language concerning the suitability of an applicant for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver;
- (2) require a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver be granted to an individual if a period of eight weeks passes and the permit has not been expressly denied by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection;
- (3) eliminate local and state fees for the acquiring and renewal of a permit to carry a handgun or revolver, a handgun eligibility certificate, a long gun eligibility certificate, and an ammunition certificate;
- (4) require the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to publish a list excluding certain target shooting pistols from the provisions on assault weapons, and repeal existing regulations regarding such pistols;
- (5) require a mass shooting event response plan and investigations and recommendations concerning any such event;



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- (6) allow a peace officer to carry a firearm on school grounds whether or not in the performance of official duties;
- (7) allow persons to carry handguns in state parks and state forests for the purpose of self-defense;
- (8) require the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to pursue reciprocity agreements of out-of-state firearms licenses for locations that have a permitting system;
- (9) enable the purchase of ammunition without a permit from a range or club, if using such ammunition at the range or club;
- (10) require the posting at police stations of an individual's rights to apply for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, the statutory time involved, the right of an applicant to file an appeal in the event of a denial of such permit and an individual's right to own, possess and carry a firearm;
- (11) require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to publish information and statistics regarding crimes and fatalities involving firearms, including, but not limited to, crimes committed by individuals with prior convictions who were prohibited from possessing a firearm and crimes committed with illegally possessed or unregistered firearms;
- (12) establish the castle doctrine;
- (13) institute a tax credit on the filing of an individual's personal income tax for the purchase of a gun safe; and
- (14) allow the legal transfer of an assault weapon possessed under a certificate of possession and large capacity magazines possessed under a declaration of possession between people who already legally possess such weapons or magazines.





SAY "NO" TO MORE GUN CONTROL
SAY "NO" TO ONE GUN A MONTH
SAY "NO" TO BAN ON RIMFIRE RIFLES
SAY "NO" TO MORE GUN BANS
SAY "NO" TO MORE REGISTRATION
SAY "NO" TO HB 6667

TAKE ACTION NOW!

*Take 2 Minutes to
Protect your 2A Rights
Tell CT lawmakers-
you DO NOT want any more
gun control!*

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7. Submit Testimony
8. Congratulations! You've made a difference!
9. Show this to someone else



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Remember only you can stop gun control!

