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2022 MARCH 14TH PUBLIC HEARING GUIDE

Introduction

This is your complete guide to the Connecticut General Assembly Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on Monday, March 14th at 10:00 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) Email written testimony by 8 am, Monday, March 14, 2022 (earlier is better).
- 2) Sign up in advance to [testify virtually](#) via Zoom or telephone.

You do not need to be an expert to advocate for your rights.

A short simple email or testimony 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 (860) 800-CCDL



TAKE ACTION NOW! Step by step to protect your rights!

- STEP 1** Prepare your written testimony (preferably in Word or PDF format)
- STEP 2** Email your written testimony to: judtestimony@cga.ct.gov
- STEP 3** cc: your testimony to *your state* Senator and Representative. [Find your Legislator](#)
- STEP 4** If you can, [testify via zoom](#) or telephone



STEP 1: How to prepare written testimony

- Keep it short, to the point and polite. Try to limit your testimony to one page
- Be clear 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. Don't worry about the format
- [View Sample Testimony](#)

STEP 2: How to email your written testimony

- Email written testimony (preferably as a Word or PDF attachment) to the Judiciary Committee at: Judtestimony@cga.ct.gov
- Try to email your testimony at least 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

Name (Web) ▾	Title (Contact)	Party ▾	Bills ▾
Gale L. Mastrofrancesco	State Representative, District 080	Republican	36 Bills
Rob Sampson	State Senator, District S16	Republican	146 Bills
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STEP 4: How to testify in-person via Zoom or telephone

How to testify via Zoom

- To testify via Zoom **MUST register in advance** using the [On-line Testimony Registration Form](#)
- Registration will close on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 3:00 PM
- If you're unsure if you will be available to attend, register anyway, you can cancel later
- After you register you will receive a pending approval email
- Before the hearing you will receive an email with the Zoom login
- Speaking order will be posted on Judiciary Committee website on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM [website](#)
- 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
- 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

How to testify via telephone

- To testify by telephone, call the Phone Registrant Line at (860) 240-5255 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 won't be the only first timer
- CCDL is here for you. If you have any questions [email](#) CCDL at legislative@ccd.us
- Make sure you [registered](#) in advance
- 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 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





OPPOSE

[S.B. 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME](#)

Statement of Purpose of S.B. 16:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations by:

- (1) Gun registration for firearms without a serial number or identify mark
- (2) Ban on sale of receivers, lowers, "other" firearms, Pistol braces, Stabilizing braces
- (3) Ban .22 rimfire rifles with detachable magazine and ONE feature
- (4) Ban Pre-Ban (1994) semi-auto riffles
- (5) Creates 'Gun Free Zones' In any municipal or state building, on any bus, train or ferry, within 75 feet of any polling place.
- (6) No firearms can be shown, displayed or visible, within 250 feet of at any demonstration
- (7) Show your permit on demand if asked by police even if they do not have reasonable suspicion of a crime. Stop & Identify law for legal gun owners.



OPPOSE

[H.B. 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS](#)

Statement of Purpose of H.B. 5416:

To limit the purchases an individual may make of pistols and revolvers over a short period of time.

- (1) No person, firm or corporation shall sell, deliver, or transfer more than one pistol or revolver to any individual during a thirty-day period





SUPPORT

[S.B. 388 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.](#)

Statement of Purpose of S.B. 388:

To **create a presumption** that it is reasonable to believe deadly physical force is necessary to defend (1) oneself or another person as prescribed in section 53a-19, or (2) oneself from a person who has unlawfully entered one's dwelling, place of work **or motor vehicle**.



SUPPORT

[H.B. 5415 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.](#)

Statement of Purpose of H.B. 5415:

To **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.



SUPPORT

[H.B. 5412 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.](#)

Statement of Purpose of H.B. 5412:

To **eliminate** the requirement that a person in a house of religious worship retreat before using deadly physical force to defend himself or herself or a third person.

