

# Public Safety and Security Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** HB-5459 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF FIREARMS.

**Vote Date:** 3/17/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/10/2026

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

The Public Safety and Security Committee raised this bill to eliminate barriers that come with relinquishing a firearm in the State of Connecticut. The bill aims to clarify that surrendering a weapon is legal and encourages safe practice. The bill intends to allow for anyone, at any time, to voluntarily relinquish a firearm they own to a police department or to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader, Connecticut General Assembly](#), shares his support for the bill. He says that it updates how someone can choose to hand over their firearms; he requests that the JFS language in section 1 have more clarification that the relinquishment is temporary and that individuals may recollect their firearms if appropriate.

[Anonymous 47](#) supports the bill for reasons unstated.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[Jason Guidone, State Senate Candidate](#), is in opposition of the bill. He says it is the wrong direction for gun owners in Connecticut. He says the bill feels like a push in an agenda to reduce gun ownership

under the guise of "safety". He says weakening the defenses at home is not the answer and urges the committee to vote no to the bill.

[James McGovern](#), opposes the bill, saying that voluntary relinquishment can work under an already existing framework. He claims that it is repetitive legislation.

[Shery McGovern](#), shares her opposition for the bill, saying that it is "legislative redundancy". She says that it doesn't address gaps in the law but rather is just an appearance of action without strengthening enforcement, accountability or outcome.

[Individual #1](#), writes that they are in opposition of the bill due to the redundancy and says it is unnecessary. They state that real gaps need to be filled rather than the appearance of action.

The following are in opposition of the bill because they feel it impeded their second amendment right

[Anonymous 18](#)

[Anonymous 19](#)

[Anonymous 15](#)

[Anonymous 13](#)

[Anonymous 23](#)

[Christine Sinopoli](#), is in opposition of the bill for reasons unstated.

[Anonymous 20](#), is in opposition of the bill. They express concerns over Connecticut's movement over control of the possession, transfer, and disposal of firearms.

[Anonymous 16](#), believes the bill is unnecessary and harmful to responsible gun owners of Connecticut.

The following are in opposition of this bill

[Anonymous 10](#)

[Anonymous 29](#)

[Individual #2](#)

**Reported by:** Emma Rybacki, Clerk  
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**Date:** 3/30/26