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The Judicial Committee of the State of Connecticut Hartford, Connecticut

I am writing to urge you, on behalf of the residents of Connecticut, to take immediate action to make home invasion a violent felony. We were all horrified by the murders in Cheshire and realize this could have happened to anyone.

There are many things we can do to keep our families safe, however, violent crimes of this nature, must be deterred and stopped through legislation.

Adopting a "3 Strike Law" that carries mandatory sentences for the most violent repeat offenders can only help to reduce and/or minimize these horrific crimes.

Please hear the voices of Connecticut families and schedule a special session to make this happen. These laws need to be changed NOW to protect all of our families, including yours!

Sincerely,

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