

IN SUPPORT OF FULLY FUNDING PROJECT LONGEVITY

On Monday, February 22nd, the Appropriations Committee will begin hearing proposal testimony to fully fund Project Longevity, a violence intervention program being conducted in Bridgeport, Hartford, and New Haven. There is good evidence that this community-based initiative has been effective in reducing gun violence. To further build on this effectiveness, it is important to both fund and support this initiative.

Connecticut has some of the strictest gun control laws in the country, such as “Ethan’s Law, the law against ghost guns, bump stock, and against rapid-fire weapons. While this is progress, Connecticut needs specific programs against gun violence disproportionately impacting Black and brown communities. Project Longevity, according to the evidence, does that.

As a mother, grandmother and citizen concerned about gun violence and public safety, I implore the Appropriations Committee to ensure that the Project Longevity program in the Office of Policy and Management line items of the Governor’s budget, HB-6439 include full funding for Project Longevity.

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