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Insurance requirements for legal gun owners will not have any positive effect on crime prevention. We should be working towards reducing violence, not trying to generate income off of it. No other constitutional right requires insurance to exercise.

Many in CT struggle to pay for health and car insurance already. If this bill is passed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment would be denied to those struggling to get by. No citizen should be denied their rights based on income.

Illegally owned firearms, such as those of gang members and other career criminals, will not be insured. Only the law abiding citizen who undergoes background checks and pays for permits would have to carry insurance.

Legal firearm owners in CT already contribute vast amounts of money to the state in sales tax and permit fees. If burdened by forced insurance costs some may have to reduce their spending on firearms related purchases, therefore hurting local business and tax revenue.