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To Whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opposition to HB6656. I feel like requiring insurance for firearms is a infringement on our Section 15 of the Connecticut Constitution.

"SEC. 15. Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state." Requiring insurance really hurts the poor and denies them a legal right to defend themselves.

Realistically the people committed crimes with firearms are not in legal possession of the firearm. These people will not purchase insurance and when a crime is committed here will be no money to cover "bodily injury or property damage" caused by the use of a firearm. Nor will there be money for "criminal defense costs" and "reimbursement of criminal defense costs". More practically the entire populace should be required to have insurance on themselves if they are involved in an illegal firearm violence, much like uninsured motorist insurance.

A very large majority of firearm spend their lives in secure places in peoples homes and are never even pointed at a human being.

This law attempts to cover violent crimes committed by responsible gun owners. Unfortunately violent crimes are commuted 99% of the time by illegal gun owners. Please don't add to the burden of exercising a constitutional right.

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