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**To:** INSTestimony  
**Subject:** STRONG OPPOSITON to HB 6656 - AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FIREARM POSSESSORS OR OWNERS.

I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITON to HB 6656 - AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FIREARM POSSESSORS OR OWNERS.

The lawful citizens of Connecticut are not responsible for the atrocious act of one madman last year, and should not be punished for his actions.

The proposal for mandatory insurance is an outright insult to the law abiding citizens of this state. Lawful gun owners are NOT the problem. We do not intend, or plan to go on a shooting rampage. We hope never to have to use a firearm in self-defense. No one will have to sue us for the wrongful deaths of others. I really question the legality of this as well. It is, at the root, basically a tax on a fundamental right. It places undue burden on the poor or lesser off citizens of this state essentially barring them from their state and federally guaranteed constitutional rights.

Also, since all liabiity insurance I am aware of is voided in the case of an intentional act - the whole charade becomes apparent. It is set up as just another hurdle to legal firearm ownership.

Please stop treating all gun owners as if we the source of all evil in society. We are not. We are doctors, lawyers, carpenters, landscapers, clerks and customer service reps. We are shop owners, schoolteachers and fisherman. We are citizens... and we have our rights, we just choose to exercise one that some others do not.

I can assure that you from talking with many co-workers and acquaintences these past few months that if this bill, or others like it, become law there will likely be many legislators voted out of office in the next couple of elections. Many democrats I know - including myself - are disgusted with the "party line" of anti-gun sentiment that is running rampant in our legislature. It is obvious to many that Governor Malloy is not concerned about running for a second term - if he was he wouldn't be saying things like "They are the fringe of the fringe" about his constituents. Please do not allow his status as Governor influence your votes. Even though I agree with pretty much every other stance of the Democratic Party their stance on this FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT will force me, as it will others, to vote soley for pro-gun-rights candidates if this travesty comes to pass. Please stop attempting to whittle away at the citizens of Connecticut's rights.

Thank You.

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