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To mandate that I or any other owner of firearms pay for a personal liability insurance policy is absurd. Making the assumption that I pose a risk to public safety is something I consider bordering libel. Especially considering that those who pose the greatest threat will not do so, criminals.

To put in place such legislation jeopardizes firearm ownership for those who may not be able to afford it. Making someone have to choose if they can "afford" a right is plain wrong and would seem to violate the constitution. I'd rather they spend the money on a safe than insurance.

This proposal is a clear attempt of the Insurance industry lobbyists to exploit this time for corporate and political gain. A better approach might be to mandate insurance companies offer discounts to those who choose to store firearms securely in a vault of safe. If the individual wishes not to disclose the information they do not see the savings benefit.

The whole idea you are taxed with is to reduce violence. This proposal does absolutely nothing to curb crime. We have laws that punish those who do not secure their firearms properly and are used in a commission of a crime. They are useless if the person is dead, as in the Newtown shooting. Had there been some motivation to secure her (Ms Lanza) firearms prior to the event (like a home owners insurance savings) maybe they would have been locked up. Let's just say she had the insurance, does that change what happened? NO. If she got an insurance discount to buy a safe maybe she would have done just that.

Do we have AIDS or Hepatitis patients get liability insurance? Clearly they pose a significant risk to those in the pre and post hospital occupations, such as EMT's Paramedics, Nurses and Doctors.

I along with many others are prepared to take this issue to the courts if you decide to go forward.

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