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Please see attached pdf for testimony record of the insurance and Real Estate Committee to be held on Tuesday 3-19-2013.

Thank you,

Scott Martin

Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Public Hearing Testimony
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Committee Members,

I oppose HB-6656, an act concerning liability insurance for firearm possessors or owners. It seems to me that this bill amounts to a tax (poll tax) on exercise of a constitutional right. The effect of **mandatory** insurance for the possession or ownership of a firearm is that to inhibit or discourage the exercise of the right of self-defense as protected by the second amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1 Section 15 of the Connecticut State Constitution. The proposed bill HB 6656 skews the ability to exercise a basic right to those of greater economic stature. Does this not also unjustly burden a collector of firearms?

Does this proposed bill not also violate the privacy of exercising a constitutional right by forcing the disclosure of exercising your right to a third party (insurance company). Do I not have a right to practice a religion of my choosing under the first amendment of the United States Constitution without disclosure to anyone else? If you say that religion is not dangerous, just look at some of the fundamentalist religious or satanic philosophies. I ask that you to please think about these questions as you deliberate this legislation.

As another illustrative example, let us propose insuring (taxing) speech to prevent bullying in our schools, surely this will protect our children from instigating violent acts or pay for counseling when they occur.

Again let me state that I oppose raised bill HB-6656.

I thank those who will truly give this legislation careful and thoughtful deliberation.

Scott Martin