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HB 6656 AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FIREARM POSSESSORS OR OWNERS would require anyone in Connecticut owning a firearm to hold excess personal liability insurance and self defense insurance and yet the shooting sports (including hunting) are statistically far and away one of the safest sports to take part of. You are twice as likely to be hurt in gymnastics or playing tennis, 6 times as likely to get hurt or hurt someone playing baseball, 8-9 times more likely to get hurt or hurt someone playing basketball or soccer, and close to 20 times more likely to get hurt or hurt someone playing hockey or football.

Why are the owners of firearms being singled out to carry insurance to take part in their sport when we require no insurance to take part in sports that result in far greater numbers of injuries?

Perhaps it is injuries in the home itself? The answer is NO. The leading causes of injury/death in the home are falls, poisoning, and fires all of which are already covered under a homeowner's insurance. Again why single out owners of firearms?

I urge you to oppose HB 6656. This bill does nothing more than increase costs to Connecticut sportsman; Costs which are already prohibitive to the sport of target shooting and hunting.

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