

To: Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence and State Representatives 03/18/2013

Testimony for Public hearing on Gun Control

Subject - HB No. 6656 - AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FIREARM POSSESSORS OR OWNERS.

" To require any person who possesses or owns a firearm to procure and maintain excess personal liability insurance and self defense insurance, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section."

I do not support this bill. This bill will place additional financial burdens on responsible firearms owners and could create a discriminatory circumstance for individuals who are already financially challenged due to this weak economy, high fuel and food costs, and high taxes normally experienced as a result of living in this state.

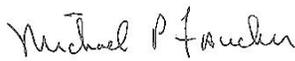
There are many people who responsibly own firearms that just own them for home defense where, after the initial purchase cost of the firearm and ammunition have been overcome, it should not cost them any additional expense.

Adding the cost of an insurance policy would cause individuals to spend money from their annual household budgets that may force them, depending on the cost, to forgo paying for other necessary living expenses.

This bill will only further punish the law abiding, hardworking, tax paying, firearms owning citizens of Connecticut. It will do nothing to penalize the criminal who causes the majority of violent gun related crime in our state.

Please reject this bill as it is a penalty for owning a firearm.

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