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Greetings Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

Please accept my testimony in opposition to HB 6656.

It is obvious that the purpose of mandating insurance be purchased by owners of firearms is to put another financial burden on law abiding citizens of modest means. Firearm ownership is a constitutional right. This bill will create a class system in which wealthy individuals will be able to exercise their constitutional rights while the less affluent will no longer be able to afford to.

Criminals will not obey this law either. Do you really expect mass murderers, glory killers and gang members to not commit crimes because they don't have the correct insurance policy to cover their criminal activities? Do you really expect insurance companies to cover the criminal acts of mass murderers, glory killers or gang members?

I respectfully urge you to focus on improvements to Connecticut's mental health system and enhance school security, instead of pursuing arbitrary and misguided proposals that ignore criminal's misuse of firearms.

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