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Subject: Testimony - HB 6656 - OPPOSED

Members of the Connecticut General Assembly:

HB 6656 has recently been raised by the Insurance & Real Estate Committee of the current Legislative session of Connecticut General Assembly that would mandate that firearms owners purchase personal liability and self defense insurance.

Of course, we have all heard the “well you have to have insurance to drive a car” argument. Driving a car is a privilege, not a God given right.

Requiring individuals to purchase insurance in order to exercise their rights as guaranteed by the US Bill of Rights and the Constitution of The State of Connecticut would be exactly like requiring a person to pay a tax in order to exercise their right to vote. Poll taxes were a scheme to disenfranchise poor black voters. Requiring insurance will make firearm ownership unaffordable to anyone except for the wealthy. It is the modern day equivalent to a poll tax.

I am steadfastly **OPPOSED** to this legislation, and want to make crystal clear that my view is heard and understood.

This bill represents the misguided Democratic gun-grabbing agenda at its pinnacle. As usual, there is nothing within this bill that will disarm criminals. It won't do a single thing to provide additional protection for children in schools. The only thing that would be achieved by the passage of this bill into law would be to punish responsible firearms owners by placing unjustified financial and procedural burdens upon them.

As an elected official, I want you to be very aware that many more people in this state are paying close attention to how you vote on this and all of the anti-gun legislation that has been proposed. You have awoken the sleeping bear, and we will not passively sit back and let our rights and freedoms be infringed upon, in any manner. A vote in favor of this legislation WILL impact your future in the Connecticut General Assembly next time you are up for re-election.

Your constituent,

Scott Kasper
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