To: Finance, Revenue, & Bonding Committee

Re: Proposed Bill No. 5040 LCO No. 612

To whom it may concern,

As a law-abiding tax paying citizen of Connecticut, all I can say about Proposed Bill No. 5040 LCO No. 612 is here we go again. I am in total agreement with Rep. Rebimbas that this latest proposal is one more attempt to reach into the pockets of upstanding citizens to cover up and pay for years of reckless spending in Hartford by the Democratic majority. One more attempt to penalize citizens who already fund most of the social welfare and outreach programs that go to so many in this State, both deserving and unfortunately un-deserving.

Looking around at the condition of our economy in terms of job creation and economic growth and it is not hard to understand why business and citizens are fleeing this State in great numbers. Whether you like it or not, Connecticut has a long history in the arms manufacturing industry. Maybe it is time we embrace that history so that we don’t chase out the arms manufacturers that do remain in Connecticut, for it is those jobs which employ people who pay taxes. That is how the system is supposed to work. Laws that penalize a group of individuals who have done nothing to contribute to the issue is simply wrong and one more example of a Democratic party no longer representative of those who contribute to the well-being of this once great State.

Government needs to get out of the way and out of our pockets.

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