I am a high school rifle coach and our program not only teaches kids the safe handling of firearms, but also prepares them to shoot at the collegiate and Olympic levels. This tax increase would decimate our program (and the programs of other schools) and eliminate this avenue for skilled and talented marksmen to get the recognition and experience they need to advance to the highest levels of the sport.

Essentially, this bill would only allow Connecticut’s richest citizens to practice their marksmanship and would eliminate opportunities for Connecticut’s less advantaged athletes.

Keep in mind, that in the 75+ years that there has been organized marksmanship competitions in CT there has never been a serious injury or any kind of violence (something no other sport in this state can claim).

Please consider these facts before you tax our program out of existence.

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