Dear members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

I am strongly opposed to the tax on gun safety training!

Proper training in order to be a responsible gun owner is expensive. Any given range session will expend up to 500 rounds of ammunition. The cost of the ammunition is already on top of the expense of the range time (25+ dollars per hour). This does not account for the training sessions with a trainer, which is even more costly. We spend this money, and we take this time so that we are well trained in case God forbid we are required to use force to protect ourselves or our families.

This tax a taxing our right to bear arms given to us in the CT Constitution (Article 15, Section 15 of the CT constitution “SEC. 15. Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.”), as well as the US Constitution.

This bill punishes the group to CT permit holders and ammunition permit holders who have already paid fees and passed background checks. We are not criminals, otherwise we would not have gun permits. Please consider that this tax makes it even more difficult to afford the safety training that is required to be a responsible gun owner.

This tax would be punishing people to exercising their constitutional right to own a firearm. This is no different than taxing people to vote, which is a right granted by the constitution.

Please do not tax a constitutional right.

Thank you for your consideration

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