Hello,

I completely support any legislation that encourages gun safety, training and keeps firearms out of the hands of children, mentally ill, the untrained and most importantly criminals.

Gun owners in Connecticut already pay a high price to lawfully own, safely use, and store their firearms. This additional tax will only further price out the poor and middle class law-abiding citizens' ability to train, participate in competitions, and hunt. Like the martial arts, lawful gun owners who can practice regularly are better prepared to avoid deadly force; unless absolutely necessary; and to do so only when avoiding innocent bystanders.

This bill will do very little to prevent gun violence at the hands of criminals who have a total disregard for the rights of others. Minimum sentencing and enforcement of the laws already on the books is a more fair way to stop them.

I ask that you please consider withdrawing this well intended bill that would deeply impact my ability to enjoy life in this great state, by only farther increasing the cost of living here.

Kindly and God Bless,

Rob Pers