House bill 5040 is an absurd attempt to isolate a specific portion of Connecticut Citizens and to attack and penalize them, their activities and their Constitutional Rights under the guise of an attempt to address crime. Connecticut is a dying state due to gross and deliberate fiscal malpractice manifested as unsustainable spending and excessive taxation. People are leaving Connecticut, businesses are leaving, jobs are leaving and passage of HB5040 will only serve to facilitate this exodus. Will we next decide to add a 35% tax to automobile sales to address the issue of Drunk Driving? Stop this madness. The people of Connecticut, including gun owners have had enough and they are "tapped out".

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