As a former EMT, I have stood shoulder to shoulder with the victims of violent crime and dealt with the aftermath. I find it reprehensible that proposed bill HB 4050 would target the same people that are most susceptible to the grip of urban violence. From a socioeconomic standpoint, HB 4050 would undermine the natural right of self defense afforded to impoverished citizens who may not be able to afford the luxury of such a tax.

I strongly URGE you all to OPPOSE HB4050. Doing so would allow affordability to an already expensive right to self-defense by modern means. This bill would do nothing to prevent violence imposed on the citizens of CT and stands as a frivolous hurdle to the execution of a basic human right of proficient self-defense.

Thank you very much for your time.

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