

I proposed that CT (perhaps with a consortium of nearby and likeminded states) require that gun manufacturers and dealers pay into an insurance pool (much like workers comp) to compensate those injured by guns. This would be much like insurance pools already established for other high risk activities such as trucking hazardous materials nuclear power plants.

It did not matter the cause of the gun injury - intent, accident, criminal, or negligence. Just that the injury was caused by a gunshot.

The injured party did not have to prove the manufacturer of the weapon, only that the injury was the result of a firearm. And perhaps the injury would not even need to be the result of a crime. It could be an accidental shooting.

Ammunition manufacturers ought to be included in the coverage and mandatory participation in the insurance pool.

With worker comp. limits on damages, it would still give victims some compensation for injuries, but not take guns from owners. It would not require the state to keep track of every gun owner. Those who profit from the manufacture and sale of guns and ammunition ought to be responsible for their true societal cost. Presumably, the price of guns would then be altered by manufacturers and sellers to reflect their true societal cost.

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