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I **oppose** the bill HB-5268 AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY
INSURANCE BY FIREARM OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.

OPPOSE THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE BY FIREARM OWNERS:
The requirement for a owner of firearms to pay additional punitive fees to insurance companies
with little in the way of fee regulation has the feel of taxation. Without the Government needing
to use the public legislative process, it is able to accomplish the same constriction of the free
use and possession of arms. The same ends are accomplished by allowing private insurers
to extort higher and higher fees from a legal owner in order to maintain a legal standing of
ownership.

This is not a fair or just practice as it singles out a group of citizens, restricts their access and
must not be allowed to pass.

OPPOSE ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.
The Government may not tax a constitutional right, by itself or place a tax on the exercising of
this right by citizens. To Tax Ammunition in such a punitive way is to deny the ability of all but
the wealthiest Citizen to buy ammunition in order to exercise the right. This is can be seen as
a wrong practice as "the power to tax is the power to destroy" Stated by Supreme Court of the
United States of America in 1819 - McCulloch v. Maryland, 17 U.S. (4 Wheat.) 316, 4 L.Ed. 579.
The ammunition is to the 2nd amendment what ink and paper are to the first amendment,
inseparable.

The Taxation of ammunition at any rate other than the standard sales tax that is paid on other
goods and services is not only punitive it is censorship. Limiting the location and usage of this
ammunition is also a constraint on the free exercise of the 2nd amendment. Again only the
wealthy and well connected will have access to their rights

Thank you for the chance to be a part of the legislative process and your consideration of my
position. I may be reached at 203-824-0102, or Keri@kerismo.com should you require any
additional input