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I **oppose** the bill HB-5452 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 idea is not justified by a larger good, it does not satisfy a compelling interest of the government nor crucial. To prefer that a liability policy be held is of no benefit to the government. To legislate 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 blocks out acces to a financially poor class of citizen.

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.

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