

To: Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence and State Representatives 01/24/2013

Subject: HB 5268 - AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE BY FIREARM OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.

I do not agree with requirements of this bill for a person to be required to carry liability insurance to own a firearm. Law abiding citizens are already deemed as responsible persons and should not be penalized by being required to buy yet, one more insurance policy. Criminals will not be required to do so, so why should the person that follows the law be punished.

Furthermore, I do not feel it is fair to add a 50% tax to ammunition sales. This would just be one more way to penalize the good citizen. This could be harmful as it could cause limitations on the amount of shooting practice a person could afford. Practice is important. It could also send residents to other surrounding states to purchase their ammunition, reducing sales and business for stores and dealers within our own state. A similar practice already takes place for cigarettes, alcohol and gasoline.

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