Testimony in **Opposition of: House Bill 5040**: An Act Establishing an Excise Tax On Ammunition

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Dear members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

My name is Charles Allis and I live in East Hampton. I am writing to you in opposition HB 5040 which would impose more taxes on ammunition. My wife, three children, and I all enjoy outdoor sports including hunting and shooting and we all support conservation efforts. Additional taxes on ammunition will only cause further hardship on my family and will deter other families from enjoying hunting and shooting activities.

If gun violence is a real concern for the state, I strongly urge the legislation to find ways to partner with the community of hunting and shooting public to help educate our youth and introduce more families to safe gun handling. There is a direct correlation of gun violence with a lack of proper education. The sportsman and sportswomen are the state of Connecticut’s best allies and supporters for addressing gun violence prevention. Penalizing these men and woman and driving them out of the state with higher taxation will not help curb gun violence. We need to start passing smart legislation for gun violence that addresses the root cause of the issue, not the symptoms.

I urge you to oppose HB 5040 and support Connecticut’s active community of sportswomen and sportsmen.

Thank you for your consideration,

Charles Allis