As I wrote in my earlier correspondence:

I am writing to voice my opposition to your recent House Bill 5040. We can all agree that violence in our communities needs to be addressed, however, by placing the burden on men and women that statistically are the most law abiding is misplaced. I ask that the bill to impose a 35 percent tax on ammunition sales be withdrawn. This bill will not only would be a financial burden to law-abiding citizens that believe they have a right to protect their families but also to those of us that enjoy the shooting sports-hunting, target shooting and other firearm competitions.

I do not want to believe that your bill is meant to undermine our right as citizens to lawfully possess and use-without onerous and costly regulations- firearms for hobby or self-defense.

I encourage you to continue to look for positive ways that our communities can be made safer that don’t infringe on the rights of citizens.

Thank you,

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