Distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee;

RE: House Bill 5040

My name is Evan V Barbin

I am from Seymour

I am strongly opposed to HB5040 for the following reasons:

A 35% Tax on Ammunition would disproportionately impact lower income people from exercising their natural and Constitutionally guaranteed right for self defense.

Increasing the cost of Ammunition thru an excise tax would negatively impact a person’s ability to train and stay proficient in the use of firearms for self defense, decreasing public safety.

I believe many people would simply take a short drive out of state to purchase Ammunition, the state would not realize the 35% it seeks but loose the 6.35% sales tax it presently sees from ammunition sales. in addition, it would negatively impact many business in Connecticut due to lost retail sales.

And finally, I believe this tax in general would unfairly burden the good citizens of this state who responsibly exercise their second amendment rights in the use of firearms for sport, hunting and self defense.

Thank You, Evan V Barbin