Good morning,

Here we are again with another attack on the Second Amendment and the law abiding firearm owners here in the state of Connecticut. Let’s set the record straight, I oppose the bill of H.B. 5040 regarding a 35% tax increase of ammunition sales. Which by the ways, this is taxation without representation. Something that a tyrannical Government would imposed on it's people.

There are between 200K and 300K legal pistol permit holders in the state of Connecticut who are all law abiding citizens, and are absolutely no threat to the state of Connecticut. These are people who go to work every day, pay their taxes, bills, provide for and protect their families, and obey the laws set forth. However, some of our local officials, legislators, senators, and representatives will argue that point, and classify all firearm owners as a threat to society. Enough with chipping away at the second amendment.

I competitively shoot and train for hours a week. This would put an unfair financial burden on my ability to exercise a constitutional right. There is no other constitutional right that is attacked as much as the second amendment.

This 35% increase will not only hurt law abiding citizens, such as myself, but you will also hurt businesses owners as well, across the state. Mom and Pop shops rely on customers like myself to make their businesses prosper.

You want to curb gun violence? Start going after the criminals, gangs, the mentally unhinged, and the illegal drugs. Therein lies your problem, not the law abiding citizens of Connecticut.

Thank you,

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