Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to proposed HB 5040. An excise tax on the sale of ammunition is punitive to law abiding gun owners and would serve no public good. Consumption taxes are regressive by their nature and increasing the cost of ammunition would reduce the safety of working class gun owners by forcing them to practice shooting less, decreasing their proficiency with a tool that requires the utmost skill to use in a safe and responsible manner.

Reducing gun violence requires addressing root causes: access to mental health care, reducing poverty, destigmatizing ex-felons, equitable education, housing security, and preventing straw purchases.

As a concerned citizen of CT and gun owner, I urge you to vote this proposal down and devote resources to addressing the real causes of gun violence.

Thank you,

Jae Brochu