Please oppose the proposed 35% Ammo Tax.

This is nothing more than an attempt to penalize law-abiding gun owners, and it will do nothing to make anyone safer. In fact, it may very well make people less safe if police and other shooters are forced to practice less due to the higher cost of ammunition.

Legal gun owners are among the safest demographic measured, Pistol Permit holders are arrested at a rate significantly lower than the general public, and at a rate much lower than politicians, and even lower than that of police officers!

Blaming the guns, or the ammo will never change the behavior of those who intend to commit crimes. Holding them responsible and keeping them off the streets will, but for some reason, the same people trying to pass more gun control also seem to be the ones opposing stiffer jail time for criminals, and promoting early release.

Pistol Permit holders (300,000 in CT) provide their fingerprints, are subject to a federal and state background check, and pay for training before this permit is granted. Then, when buying a firearm, any firearm, another check is performed. Imagine if your 1st (4th, 5th, etc) amendment rights were subject to the same restrictions.

LEGAL GUN OWNERS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM, and criminals DO NOT follow the laws.

You politicians are protected by armed officers while at work. The rest of us have to provide protection for ourselves and our families. Our lives are no less important than yours are. And the supreme court has ruled that policemen have no duty to protect us, and even when they do, they are usually not at the scene when trouble occurs.

This bill is a bad idea on many different levels. Another one is that an excise tax on the sales of hunting and shooting supplies provide money for Wildlife and Habitat. Suppressing ammo sales will cost out DEEP a considerable sum.

If you really want to reduce crime; Punish the criminals, not the law followers. If you really just want to eliminate guns at least be honest about that as opposed to trying more of what has never worked anywhere.

Please oppose this law.

Thank you,

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