Good evening Senator and Congress woman

I am writing you in opposition of HB 5040 an excise tax on private citizens purchase of ammunition. The shooting sports members and firearm owners in CT are already over sanctioned to begin with. This tax would put private shooting clubs in jeopardy of closing keeping thousands of law abiding CT citizens from enjoying their choice of recreational activities. Not only is this unconstitutional but also would have a major economic impact. We are losing thousands of CT citizens each year due to the over taxing and impact on our basic constitutional freedoms. CT used to be a state that supported our second amendment freedoms with private and public facilities that date back to as far as 1920. We are all in agreement that violence including gun violence is a problem. This is a tax however not a solution. No problem will be solved when criminals can’t buy ammunition legally to begin with. How do you think this will help? All the law abiding gun ranges will close, putting ranges out of business, people out of work and not being able to enjoy what our constitution gives us freedom and liberty too. I’d like to see how you would react if you were the ones facing these limits on your freedom.

Finding answers to these issues are on the forefront of all are hearts and minds but this is an unconstitutional and extreme measure that won’t amount to anything but push more of our tax paying law abiding citizens out of this state. Do the research and help reconstruct and build healthy family life. This will help, educate and rebuild our society and begin to resolve these issues. I will not vote for or support any elected official that supports this bill hopefully tens of thousands of other voters feel the same. If it isn’t ammo tax it’s going to be some other outrageous tax to bail out irresponsible management of finances in our state legislature.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter Keith Cavoto