OPPOSE HB 5040
Proposal to levy an excise tax on ammunition.

REASONS:

A widow who lives alone and works Three jobs to make ends meet … A Definite Hardship.

I have a firearm to defend myself and home - several break-in attempts. Injured in a car accident, unable to use Martial Arts to defend myself - only a firearm. I have been the Victim of a Home Invasion! It was 5 minutes, then he broke in with a skeleton key. Police couldn’t arrive in time. The officer told me by phone to do what I needed to do to protect myself and home - within the law. The man didn’t get to hurt me again. Some people Don’t get a Choice!

I’ve worked Hartford’s North-end on an Ambulance - so I’ve seen Victims of Violence. One that stands out: A Single Mother with 3 children all under 5 years old. We were on scene in 2 minutes, after the Dispatcher had been called, and before Police arrived. We were TOO LATE! Her ex-boyfriend had beaten in the door with his fists, and then bruised/battered this young Mom in front of her 3 children!! Not her first beating by this man. Recovery was a long one, but not without battle scars inside and out.

Law-abiding Citizens, like myself, shouldn’t be Punished with an EXTRA TAX on ammunition. I obey the laws, practice, and take the time to learn about the firearm that I own. It’s not reasonable or fair to punish me with a tax, as it’s the only way I have to defend myself. Police Departments historically have long response times to home invasions.

IF Deterrents were strong enough for violent criminal activity with a car, knife, baseball bat, etc. - more than a “slap on the wrist”, and criminals in Connecticut weren’t given more rights than Law-abiding Citizens … there wouldn’t be such a high number of Violent Crimes Against Persons!!

Please reconsider voting this down!! ~ Jaye Clarke … Newington, Connecticut.