The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut’s statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 100% of Connecticut’s population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 5040 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION

CCM opposes HB 5040.

CCM has long supported programs and initiatives that seek to end gun violence and its devastating impact on towns, cities and their residents throughout the state, and CCM remains committed to working with all parties to develop programs and solutions that address eliminating gun violence.

CCM cannot support the proposed bill as currently drafted because it would create an excise tax of 35% per round of ammunition. The imposition of an excise tax will simply be passed along to users which would include municipal police departments, thus increasing costs on towns and cities. These increased costs may have the unintended consequence of seeing local police departments reducing the amount of ammunition available to police officers for training and potentially create an increased risk to officers and civilians alike in the unfortunate situation that they are required to use their weapon in the line of duty.

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