My name is Gwendolyn Crosson and I stand in opposition to HB 5040.

I live in Cheshire Connecticut. I live two miles away from the site of the Petit family home. I remember the horror of that moment as it unfolded back in 2007.

Three beautiful lives were lost that day, and not a single round was fired or to blame. The police came. They stood outside while evil was able to run rampant inside the home. Again, no guns were involved.

I wonder how things may have been different for the Petit family that day if an equalizer was brought into play, in the form of a gun. What if Mrs. Petit had a pistol on her person?

The answer that legislators such as yourself seem to like to give is that a gun makes a situation more dangerous, and that the answer is to call law enforcement. How much more dangerous would that day have actually have been? They called law enforcement that day, and they're dead. They had no guns that day, and they were brutally killed.

How would your proposed research have changed this outcome if it had come sooner? They did everything right by your implication and estimation.

I propose that a gun, and access to ammo may have in fact changed the horrific events of that day. I propose that evil is evil and that a man set on committing evil will accomplish it despite legislation, particularly legislation that will have the inevitable outcome of making ammunition unavailable to people to me.

I live two miles away from the site of the Petit family home. I got my pistol permit not long after these events. Living in Cheshire, as well as the state of Connecticut as a whole, is a tax heavy and financially burdensome proposition. I struggle to afford ammo at its current pricing, ammo I need to train with to protect myself, my home and my family.

Keep your feel good opinions, legislation and taxes out of my wallet, my living room and my state. Your guards will stop a home invader at your residence. My ammo will stop a home invader at mine. You do not have the moral authority to tax me out of my ability to protect myself and my family.

Ps. Gun rights are women's rights.