Good day. My name is Randy DaRos. I am a resident of Coventry, Connecticut, and I am adamantly opposed to H.B. 5040, AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION.

Not only does this act constitute an illegal “poll tax” on an enumerated right, but it will do absolutely nothing to address violence in this state. Gun rights are not just rights for the wealthy, but also for the poor and working class, who are often the most vulnerable to violent crimes.

If the general assembly were serious about addressing violent crime, including so called gun violence, then they would take measures to ensure that prosecutors stopped dropping more than 85% of all gun charges, and stop granting these criminals for whom the gun charges were dropped early release as “non-violent” offenders.

Regards

Randy DaRos