I am writing to ask that you oppose the latest attack on the civil rights of the good people in Connecticut that comes in the form of a 35% tax on ammunition. These are people who recognize that with an average 12 minute response time to a 9-1-1 call, it is the victim's responsibility to provide for their own self defense. In adding an exorbitant tax on ammunition you are jeopardizing a person's ability to afford to become proficient in training with their firearm and, in many cases, be putting others at risk if a person's proficiency is not adequate. You will also have ZERO affect on crime. No criminal is going to care about this tax- a state issued permit is already needed in order to purchase ammunition here. This is nothing more than another attack. Why do we have to keep being blamed for the very violence that we wish to protect ourselves against?

As a gun owner and someone who holds the US Constitution in high regard, I find these attacks disgusting. What other group in this country is it acceptable to tax and steal their rights, threaten continuously with UNJUST legislation, remove options to their basic right to defend the lives of their families through bans, and just generally harass with proposals that would accomplish nothing? Ask yourself if a tax on religious books would be just? What about a 35% tax on newspapers or social media? Bring back a poll tax, perhaps? But it’s all right if we just continue to chip away at the amendment that the framers of our constitution thought important enough to make the second amendment.

I challenge you to do REAL research- not be spoon fed by other politicians and the media. Look at statistics that show that for every firearms related murder in this country there are 33 occasions where a gun was used to STOP a crime. Watch the myriad videos of self defense scenarios (I recommend a YouTube channel called “Active Self Protection,”) and then ask yourselves if you think the magazine limitations, and firearms bans that have been imposed on us in this state are just- if you rise to the challenge and open your mind to the reality of these statistics, these attacks and home invasions, you will see that with multiple attackers, our 10-round limit is a deadly UNJUST liability for someone obeying the law- it puts the good people of CT at a further disadvantage to the violent offenders.

In closing, I implore you to use reality, statistics, logic, and stop these unjust attacks on the good people of this state.

Thank you for your time.

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