Testimony on: H.B. 5040  AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION

Subject: Oppose H.B. 5040

Distinguished Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose H.B. 5040. My primary objections to this bill are the following:

1) This bill unfairly targets one subset of citizens.
2) This bill will actually work against gun safety by reducing the amount of training that responsible gun owners can afford. Practice and proficiency with a defensive weapon is paramount and should not be discouraged. The fact that the bill excludes municipalities and law enforcement officers obviously recognizes this principle.
3) For the thousands of competitive shooters and sportsmen/women in Connecticut; this tax would place a huge burden hindering their ability to pursue their pastime.
4) The state will find that many individuals will resort to purchasing their ammunition from out of state- decreasing the overall tax revenue.

I hope that you will consider these objections and oppose this bill.

Best regards,

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