Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding Members,

My name is Jeff Fluckiger, I am from the town of Ellington and I am submitting written testimony for the following; Oppose - H.B. 5040 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION

I oppose any attempt to place an excise tax of 35 percent or any amount of excise tax on firearm ammunition. This attempt to raise revenue off the backs of law-abiding gun owners to finance gun control organizations who have a disdain for the second amendment is at best grotesque. This tax will also increase the cost to those that train to stay proficient with their firearms handling and safety practices. If people have to curtail or even stop their training because of the high cost of ammunition, this could lead to more unfortunate accidents, just as it would if people were limited in how often they could drive their cars. More practice equals safety! In closing I will also point out that people are leaving this state because of excessive taxes and this would not be a good indicator that the State of CT is being a good steward of the state’s finances.

OPPOSE H.B. 5040

Sincerely,

Jeff Fluckiger

Ellington, CT