Proposed Bill No. 5040 LCO No. 612

This bill is ill conceived and will accomplish nothing other than disproportionately affecting people living on fixed incomes and small business owners who sell ammunition. As I recall a similar bill was proposed last year with the so-called "justification" that if it leads to one less gun death in Connecticut it would be worth it. No law should ever be passed based on "if". First there should be a clear and concise statement of what the law is meant to achieve and second a reasoned and well thought through analysis of why the law stands an excellent chance of achieving the stated goal. Where is the analysis that says taxing ammunition in the way intended would do any good whatsoever? I would argue that placing an extra tax on ammunition will, like as not, increase the amount of illegal ammunition floating around the streets of Connecticut's cities and towns and hence could well lead to more gun deaths in the state rather than fewer. This law, like any law, should only be passed after a thorough analysis of all its possible consequences and outcomes has been performed and with the result of the analysis being that the law, if passed, has a high likelihood of achieving the stated goals.

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