To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in opposition of HB5040 because it is a burden on law abiding citizens of Connecticut. It would make practicing firearm proficiency unaffordable to middle class citizens like myself. As I get older and my family grows I find my budget shrinking in this increasingly more expensive state. Shooting and shooting sports are my main hobby and HB5040 would make one of my only hobbies unobtainable. HB5040 would also put undue burden on people on fixed incomes and people of lesser means than myself. Only the wealthiest of Ct residents would be able to afford the privilege of regularly purchasing ammo to practice/enjoy the shooting sports.

If the state wishes to prevent gun violence then it should look into partnering with organisations like Gun Owners of America, The Liberal Gun Club or the National Rifle Association to collaborate on a firearm safety curriculum for our school system. Firearms owners already contribute their fair share of money to conservation and education through the Pitman Robertson Act.

In closing I feel this proposed bill would put undue stresses on non violent law abiding citizens, without giving them anything for their tax dollars. This bill would just give money to groups and institutions whose sole purpose is to restrict law abiding citizens.

Sincerely,
Isak Hayles