To the Finance Committee:

I am opposed to House Bill 5040. The 35% tax on ammunition is unconstitutional due to it violating Article First Section 15 in the Connecticut Constitution. Article First is the Declaration of Rights. It is the State version of the Bill of Rights. Section 15 states: “Every Citizen has the Right to bear arms in defense of himself and the State”.

This Bill will make it cost prohibitive for people to exercise their Right to bear arms. The Declaration of Rights, like the Bill of Rights, are Unalienable Rights retained by the People and therefore not subject to regulation by the state. That members of the Committee would even consider usurping an unalienable Right retained by the People of Connecticut also is a violation of your oath of office per Article Eleventh to support the U.S. Constitution and the Connecticut Constitution. You are constitutionally required to support both Constitutions by opposing HB 5040.

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