To:

Finance, Revenue, & Bonding Committee

Re:

Proposed Bill No. 5040 LCO No. 612

This is yet another bill proposed to punish and limit law abiding CT citizens to legally protect themselves. How, you may ask? By making ammunition almost 40 percent more expensive, you’ll limit many law abiding citizens from training with legally purchased firearms. Not all can afford this increase, which hinders those with limited income to become and stay fully proficient with their legal firearms. It is every law abiding American citizens right to own firearms for their own and their family’s protection. CT would be better served scraping this proposed bill and actually reducing or eliminating the ammunition tax so that all legal gun owners can train for their safety at a reasonable cost. Does anyone really believe the fantasy that criminals will stop their activities because the price of ammunition gets expensive? And who will be the target audience for so called gun violence education with this additional tax revenue? People who already have taken gun safety and gun training courses? This is wrong and it’s shameful game playing by CT to once again punish those who obey the law.

It’s time for CT to stop punishing it’s law abiding firearm owners and start taking on the real problem - criminals.

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