GREETINGS:

I am a life-long resident of the State of Connecticut. I served honorably for over 20 years as a Police Officer in the City of Norwich.

One of the first things I recall in my elementary school days was that Connecticut was deemed, "The Constitution State". Subsequent Criminal Justice courses, a career in law enforcement and a strong "proud to be an American" attitude prevailed throughout my 58 years.

The Constitution takes a beating, day in and day out nationwide. For some reason, it takes an extra beating in "The Constitution State".

A 35% tax on ammunition is counterintuitive as it will only affect legal gunowners, and do so adversely. We are allowed by The Constitution to carry our firearm. Opponent groups have said they're concerned about proficiency through practice of gunowners. Making it less affordable would likely lead to less practice leading to decreased proficiency, something anti-gunners are against. Then, on top of the fees and licensing training, both classroom and practical, you want the people with the RIGHT to carry, who paid for this RIGHT, to bear an increased financial burden to help those who want to further infringe on this RIGHT and make legal gun owners worse.

Please remember The Constitution State motto, and vote this proposal down.

Thank you.
Respectfully,

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