I as a law bidding gun owner in the State of Connecticut am VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO HB 5040- AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION.

No one is fooled by this latest attempt to punish gun owners exercising a constitutionally protected right. Gun owners whom for a variety of reasons own and shoot firearms from self-defense, practice, competition and hunting are already burdened with discriminatory fees and taxes. Connecticut has already made the cost unreachable for many. To merely buy a box of ammunition to hunt a resident is already required to take a safety course, buy a license, buy applicable stamps on top of paying for equipment and additional taxes on such, including an 11% federal tax. Some gun owners shoot thousands of rounds monthly, many average hundreds. Gun owners who carry handguns, or merely own them are bound by even more costs, including safety courses, permits, background checks and fingerprint fees, and that’s just for a permission slip to buy a gun.

This is nothing more then throwing another tax at a problem the anti-gun bunch have. The fact any elected official is ok with taxing a RIGHT is disturbing, and a violation of their oath. Many of the same supporters of this bill are ok with early release and lax punishment against the true reasons for an overwhelming majority of gun violence in our communities, CRIMINALS. How about imposing mandatory taxes on them to fund for these undefined special interest gun violence programs as a condition of their punishment.

This whole sham is nothing short of using taxes to punish honest people, under the illusion of progress and frankly, I as well as countless other gun owners are damn tired of the state and the agenda driven liberal putting their hands in our pockets as punishment for something protected by both the United States and State of Connecticut Constitutions. Politicians who promote this action need to be held accountable and lose their jobs.

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