I'm am writing to you in OPPOSITION of HB5040.

My household does NOT support an additional tax on our ammunition, nor do I support the potential cause. I have noticed that we are already paying too much in taxes to exercise our rights. Those of us who are spending money on this are the ones who are making sure we are safe and responsible. We should not be the ones targeted. Like your plastic bag tax, this will not work out to for the benefit of the state, I can see it actually being a loss as many have already said they will go elsewhere to exercise their constitutional rights.

This tax would only drive people out of state to purchase anything related- OR- cause law-abiding citizens to NOT practice and become proficient with their firearms, potentially creating more danger to those around them (because you want it to be too expensive to practice and become familiar with their firearms).

No matter what, we will exercise our second amendment rights, we will be purchasing ammunition for sporting. It seems as if it's up to you if we buy it in CT or not. I hope that you can look at how much we're already paying in taxes to the state for our "second amendment purchases" and realize that enough is enough. What's next, a tax on submitting testimony to the people we put in office- last I knew that was as equal a right as our second amendment?

Truly,

John Koch