Testimony on: **H.B. 5040**  AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION
Subject: Oppose H.B. 5040

Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Rojas, Distinguished Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose **H.B. 5040**. My primary objections to this bill are the following:

**Taxes:**
- Can we ever trust that our hard-earned tax dollars will be used for purposes stated?
- Haven’t we been taxed enough?
- Isn’t the $25 million that DeLauro obtained enough?

**Economics:**
- Revenue will flow out of state
- Sporting goods/gun shops will lose business, fueling economic downturn
- Might create a black market, thus fueling crime. Felons already can’t buy ammo. Now you have increased the availability

**Racially/socioeconomically biased:**
- African American women permit applications increased from 270 in 2009 to 944 in 2019!!!
- Class warfare against some citizens who need it the most
- In the last few sessions, many dems rejected raising fees as disadvantaging their constituents

I hope that you will consider these points and **oppose this bill**.

Best regards,

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