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

Gun-owner biased:

• I get that “we all pay for ‘gun violence’ to the tune of 1 billion dollars. Why then, are you asking MORE of gun-owners, who aren’t responsible for the deaths?
• Not constitutional

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

Best regards,

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