Dear Sir/Madam:

I write to request you oppose Proposed H.B. No. 5040.

This bill unconstitutionally attempts to increase the cost of ammunition so as to make it more difficult to engage in a constitutionally protected activity.

The ownership and use of firearms has been held to be protected by the Constitution of the State of Connecticut by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, “Connecticut Constitution establishes a clear liberty interest in a permit to carry a firearm -- an interest that is highly valued by many of the state’s citizens. See Conn. Const. art. I, § 15” Kuck v. Danaher, 600 F.3d 159, 165 (2d Cir. 2010) as well as the Constitution of the United States, “The Second Amendment right is fully applicable to the states.” McDonald v. City of Chicago, 561 U.S. 742, 742 (2010).

The Supreme Court of the United States has held “A state may not impose a charge for the enjoyment of a right granted by the federal constitution.” Murdock v. Pennsylvania, 319 U.S. 105, 106 (1943).

Proposed H.B. No. 5040 seeks to do that which the Supreme Court of the United States has said may not be done. Accordingly, please consider this a request that you oppose Proposed H.B. 5040 for the reasons stated above.

Respectfully submitted.

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