I am a resident of Mansfield, a Veteran, and a registered member of the Connecticut Democratic Party. I testify that I oppose the ammunition tax proposed in H.B. 5040 by Jillian Gilchrest. This bill places an undue burden upon lawful firearm owners in our state who already face many restrictions not imposed upon the majority of our country. The revenue it would bring into the state would be negligible, and serve only to inconvenience those looking to exercise our civil right to keep and bear arms in a lawful manner. Most importantly, the tax would also disproportionately affect those living on lower incomes, who would find themselves taxed out of not only the means to defend themselves with a firearm, but even to seek meaningful training to use a firearm safely and responsibly.

To require the constituents of our state to pay such an exorbitantly high tax in order to exercise a civil right is unfair, frankly unconstitutional, and will only punish those who already face economic hardships. For these reasons, I ask that my representatives oppose H.B 5040 should it find its way to the floor.

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