My name is Jessica Ramos of Meriden Connecticut, and I strongly oppose HB 5040.

Drugs kill 10s of thousands of people each year. The vast majority of these drugs are illigal, and yet thier available goes unchanged by thier legal status. What if we taxed drugs higher? Would this effect thier street level availability?

Did you know that people can produce drugs in their basement? Did you know that with some very basic skills and equipment that people can produce ammo too? Are you aware that the criminal element is remarkably adept at capitalizing on a street level need with illegal product?

Are you purposefully proposing the creation of a black market ammunition boom?

Is it that that isn't actually your concern whatsoever, and that your true goal is to tax law abiding gun owners out of thier ability to practice thier second amendment? Is this in order to give yourself and your peers the ability to point a finger at the increase in street level gun violence, only to further your cause of totalitarianism?

This tax will not keep a single gang member, murderer or gangster away from a single round of ammunition. It will not stop a single murder. Your research will solve nothing, but your bill will provide you with countless more cases to research. It's as if you propose more violence for the purpose of having reports of violence to add to your case studies.

This tax will keep ammo out of my hands. My hands that wish only to train to protect my life and liberty. You should be ashamed, and moreover you should be voted out of office and your legacy of violence should be cast into the forgotten pages of our states dark history.