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Subject: Oppose H.B. 5040  

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION.  

This bill will have no impact on gun violence and stands as nothing more than political posturing, so politicians can pretend to be making a difference. H. B. 5040 establishes a tax that is allocated to fund gun violence prevention and reduction. Only this is not a tax, it is the equivalent of a fine for lawful commerce.  

How many of our elected leaders that wrote or co-sponsored this bill have made a donation out of their own pockets this year to any group that works on gun safety issues? How many of them have spent significate time on the ground in our inner city’s working with community leaders or have fought to have offenders of gun violence prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law?  


In CT, we already need a permit or a class certification to purchase ammunition. This is just another distraction from CT failed public policy. The State is facing significant structural imbalances and its liberal courts fail to adequately enforce the laws on the books. Instead of working on the critical issues facing our state, you are utilizing your time on petty politics and attempting to pick our pockets. Oppose H.B. 5040