February 22, 2020

**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:

- This bill unfairly taxes law abiding, responsible gun owners and especially impacts those in the lower income levels
- It’s not clear how and if the money will be spent effectively
- Gun owners already pay special taxes. For example, Connecticut has been allocated $27.4 million dollars over the past 5 years from the Annual Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act Apportionments. Most of this money comes from taxes gun owners now pay on firearms and ammunition.

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

Best regards,

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