I wish to express my fierce OPPOSITION to H.B. 5040 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION.

- No such function or group appoint by the state for Gun Violence Prevention exists. This means either more government overhead or this money is going to be given to anti-gun groups.
- Representative Gilchrest will tell you that the money raised by this tax will go toward “gun violence” prevention. I don’t trust that any tax revenue will be actually used for the purposes stated like the Tobacco Company Settlement.
- That the 4 cites that were mentioned today have high crime rates and repeat offenders sue to sanctuary policies.
- These fund are repetitive to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro that recently secured $25 million in gun violence prevention research funding.
- Under current state law, all ammunition purchases require a permit which requires background checks to obtain.
- This tax goes after the people who exercise their constitutional rights and is profiling those who lawfully use their rights.
- Ammunition is already taxed through the Pittman-Robertson act
- Maybe the solution to this problem is enforcing current laws on the books, 70% of the arrests are either plea bargain away or dismissed.

One final note: According to National Institute of Mental Health, for the year 2017 which has completed data which 2018 and 2019 does not are the following facts:

- 47,173 people died due to suicide
- 1.4 million people that year were reported to attempt suicide.
- Of the 47k that committed suicide, 23,854 used firearms, but 23,389 used other methods.
- The 1.4 million attempted suicides is a strong indicator that mental health is a nation problem, not the tool used.

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