I am a Firearm & Toolmark Examiner and have been doing this for 48 years. Based on my experience in examining firearms evidence, I can tell you that the ammunition used in most of the shootings that take place in our cities consists of an assortment of different manufacturers and bullet styles. The shooters in the cities go around to their friends and beg, buy, or otherwise obtain whatever they can to use in their crimes. They don’t go to the store like most of us and buy cartridges.

My best guess is that they aren’t legally in a position to do so. I examined five cartridge cases in a murder Monday and the five were made by four different manufacturers. Why am I telling you this? Because the ones you are going to tax are the innocent legal persons who enjoy shooting sports, not the criminals. You wish to punish us and not those perpetrating the crimes in our once nice state. Our government already has an excise tax on ammunition. A tax such as this is outlandish and an obvious attack on the second amendment rights of all of us and certainly will not curtail shooting crimes.

I have not heard one word about how the money will be used if this is passed. It sound like some “pie in the sky” sham idea. My guess is that if passed, any monies gained will probably go to the general fund and get squandered on welfare.

All I hear from our politicians is tax, tax, tax. Have any of you thought about cutting expenses? Why does the state run railroads, a bus company, and fund the retirement for teachers? We live in a state that has a state debt akin to that of Venezuela and I never hear a word about it from our politicians. Our roads are a mess and all I see the state doing is uselessly cutting trees on our highways.

In summary, we certainly have more important things to deal with and ought to be focused on them instead of further harassing the honest gun owners.

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