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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  

I am writing to oppose HB 5040, an act establishing an excise tax on ammunition. This tax will cause a financial hardship and will limit my ability to shoot competitively at my sporting club, Sprague Rod And Gun Club, by limiting the amount of ammunition that I will be able to afford to purchase thereby limiting my practice time. HB 5040 is anti sportsman and will not do anything to reduce inner city violence as the criminals will obtain guns and ammunition from nefarious sources.  

My other objections to this bill are the following:  

Gun-owner biased:  
- I get that “we all pay for ‘gun violence’ to the tune of 1 billion dollars.  Why then, are you asking MORE of gun-owners, who aren’t responsible for the deaths?  
- Not constitutional  

Taxes:  
- Can we ever trust that our hard-earned tax dollars will be used for purposes stated?  
- Haven’t we been taxed enough?  
- Isn’t the $25 million that DeLauro obtained enough?  

Gilchrest’s “programs”:  
- WHO are these evidence based groups?  How can we trust what you say considering who you are and who you associate with?  We need transparency.  
- 66% of deaths are from suicide.  Do your ‘programs’ address that?  
- Nollied firearm offenses would be more effective and PROACTIVE  
- Re-fund the statewide firearm trafficking force which could stem the black market which supplies illegal gun offenses and death  

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

Best regards,  
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