To whom it may concern,

I am writing to say that I oppose the house bill 5040 that would implement a 35% tax on all ammunition. This is a complete disgrace and as a citizen of a state that is one of the hardest states to get a firearm already. I don’t see why myself as a reasonable and competent fire arm owner and operator should be responsible for the tax and payment for violent crimes. Most of which are committed by criminals using fire arms that were purchased illegally and not registered. Since this tax is proposed on all caliber round, what are the crime rates committed with all the different types of rounds? How many crimes have been committed with a 12 gauge target shot? How many have have been committed with a 22LR? I am a deer and bird hunter so this will make my purchase of ammunition sky rocket to the point where I will no longer hunt so what is the states plan for handling the over population of deer and other species once people stop hunting because of the added costs? This state has gone completely down the drain and it’s all at the hands of politicians who have no fire arm experience and don’t realize that they are actually tools for self protection, tools for hunting and feeding your family and are also a recreational sport. This state was once one of the largest firearm manufacturers in the world and now its one of the hardest to get a keep a firearm. The crimes committed by few should not have to be paid for by the many that are responsible gun owners like myself. This is no different than me having to pay a high alcohol tax because of a DUI committed by someone else. This is completely ridiculous and this bill needs to be stopped.

Do the right thing,
Sincerely,
Scott D.