To our current crop of CT Legislators,

You have been entrusted to move our state forward, and HB5040 is a drastic failure by any metric.

A 35% tax on ammunition purchased by legal gun owners, in order to lower gun violence in our 4 biggest cities, is both spurious and excessive.

The fact that the money would be funneled to anti-gun groups that contribute to the election campaigns of the representatives both sponsoring and supporting the bill betrays massive deficiencies in the presentation, integrity, and mission of the bill. Gun owners should not be forced by the government to pay for groups working to remove their constitutionally guaranteed rights.

The fact that law enforcement would be exempt is questionably constitutional at best. If a tax IS necessary, why would municipal or state employment as an armed legal enforcer exempt someone from the tax? That simply creates a 2 class system of taxation. Hell. No. There is no way to ethically support that notion. I am a veteran of the Iraq war, why shouldn’t I be exempt? I honestly would not want that. I would prefer that ALL legal gun owners are exempt from insanely stupid taxes.

The fact that the gun trafficking task force has been defunded already merely demonstrates further failure to produce tangible means with which to handle the issue of gun violence.

This entire legislative cycle has been plagued by new taxes and proposals for new taxes.

As a lifelong CT resident, I don’t think the state has a revenue problem, it has a problem with misallocation of tax dollars which are destined for specific funds, yet never seem to make it to those funds, or are shortly swept from those funds if they somehow do make it there. We need better spending and less taxation and virtue signaling.

Effective government goes beyond simply finding “new” ways to raise revenue. Good government certainly does not include taxing fundamental freedoms and the exercise of those rights at insanely stupid levels.

Get it together. Stop this insanity.