Testimony in Opposition to HB 5040

The members of the Finance Committee,

I am compelled to write to you in opposition of this punitive ammunition tax.

Lawfully owning a firearm in the state of Connecticut is already an expensive proposition. Quality ammunition, be it for practice, training, hunting, or self-defense is not cheap.

Singling out gun owners by imposing this tax and targeting legal gun owners is a textbook definition of discrimination. Shame on you for even raising this bill. Stop the hate on gun owners.

One of the common refrains for gun control has pointed at some gun owners' lack of training and this bill would make it much more difficult for those of us already taxed up to our ears in this state, thanks, to afford the training and practice we take on willingly to be proficient and accurate.

Please don’t punish law-abiding citizens, like myself, with more taxes. I take my proficiency seriously, and additional taxes on ammunition means I won’t be able to train and practice as often.

Again, please oppose House Bill 5040.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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