I'm writing to you because I vehemently oppose bill HB 5040, An Act Establishing an Excise Tax on Ammunition. This tax will disproportionately affect people with lower incomes and people that rely heavily on firearms to protect themselves and their families, especially women. If people are going to be proficient and safe in their use of firearms they need to be able to afford ammunition so they can practice shooting on a regular basis. Owning a gun is a huge responsibility and regular practice is required to live up to that responsibility. It will also harm Connecticut businesses that rely on ammunition sales to make a living.

This bill singles out and punishes law abiding gun owners with an excessively high tax in addition to the current sales tax to fix a problem they aren't the cause of. It's nothing but another blatant money grab and an attempt to further infringe on lawful gun owners ability to exercise their second amendment rights by restricting their ability to be able to afford ammunition.

Please do not vote for this regressive and punitive tax.

Regards,
Jay Stephenson