To all Connecticut State Legislators and Officials:

Stop CT HB 5040 and all such legislation that seeks to infringe upon the constitutional rights of our law-abiding citizens. Selective and excessive taxation of any product serves to curtail purchases of that product while putting increased financial burdens on the consumer. In the case of firearm ammunition, HB 5040 fails the citizens of this State in two ways.

The first failure of HB 5040 is that it would directly infringe upon the constitutional right of citizens' functional access to firearms and firearms related materials. Our Connecticut Constitution puts the right of citizen self-protection BEFORE the defense of the State. Today, Connecticut is grievously in legal violation of the Constitution mandate.

The second failure of HB 5040 would be that, in its "lip-service" intent to attempt to curb criminal access to and use of firearms and ammunition, it would only impact law-abiding citizens, instead of the intended criminal elements. For over 100 years, states across our Nation have passed increasingly strict and selective legislation, but crimes against persons and property persist, especially within certain neighborhoods. It is bitterly ironic that cities and counties with the highest rates of violence and crime are the ones with the most restrictive firearms regulations, and YET it is still relatively easy to illegally purchase firearms and supplies within those strictest anti-gun zones. A former CT Dept. of Corrections officer, whom I met, once asked a prisoner how easy it was to get a gun in any of the "gun control cities" where the incarcerated inmate had operated in the past. The convicted felon said it was as easy as scoring drugs... and THAT was in "gun control" cities. The sin nature of humanity is NOT curbed by legislation, but by repentance, which is the only answer to the sinful human tendencies toward lust, greed, hate, anger, and violence. Don't blame inanimate firearms and ammunition for the sins of mankind.

In our Connecticut society's lust for money and power, human sinful tendencies have been nurtured and coddled by this State. In the name of "freedom of choice", thumbing Connecticut's collective nose at God, Connecticut has institutionalized the pre-meditated murder of our unborn children, but, yet, Connecticut wants to increase taxation of law-abiding citizens for firearm ammunition, ignorantly thinking that such taxation can stop violence. Connecticut tells its citizens that it is OK to butcher defenseless unborn infants, then wonders why our progeny who survive are running around killing themselves and each other with illegally obtained and illegally used guns, ammo, and drugs. Willful ignorance of truth and blame fixing on inanimate objects shall never absolve this State of its responsibility to God for the godless behaviors and violence that state-sanctioned legislation and legal rulings have fostered here. Besides the moral and constitutional issues involved in the fallout implications of HB 5040, the increased financial burden on law-abiding citizens is a slap in the face of every citizen who seeks to obey just and righteous laws.

With all due respect,

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