TO: Connecticut Finance, Review and Bonding Committee
RE: OPPOSE House Bill 5040
From: Christopher Torino, West Hartford, CT

To all committee members. I am sorry I cannot attend the hearing as I have to work and pay all my taxes during the day! Jillian Gilcrest is at it again with her “Social Justice” advocacy. Again, this year, she proposes an Ammo Tax on law abiding gun owners in order to fund violence prevention programs. I hope you realize that at least 3 shooting games participated in here and in all 50 states are Olympic sports. No mention of taxing baseball or basketballs. You forced more gun laws on us last year and the murders still happen! We have a plethora of gun laws already on the books and still it goes on. The laws are very successful at restricting the rights of the law-abiding gun owner. Just like a baseball player is not a criminal even though a bat is an assault weapon, the same can be said of us.

I stand firmly against this ridiculous proposal from the party that lets criminals out early and removed the Death Penalty. Did anyone notice that our large Democrat run cities are full of crime? Now, the 99.9% of residents exercising their right both under the United States Constitution as well as the Connecticut Constitution have to be further impinged? Looking for money? I know where over 13 million dollars went. It went to pull UCONN out of the league they are in and put them back into the Big East. And don’t forget the two houses you bought for the new UCONN President. Seems to me there is plenty of money around. Want to stop all this crime? Let the Police do their jobs without their hands tied. You know, under Governor Roland, there was the State Police Firearms Task Force that worked in removing illegal guns on our streets. It worked great until the Democrats defunded it.

So, in conclusion, stop Bonding parks and unnecessary items for political gain and put more support behind our local and State Police. Leave legal firearms owners alone!