I am writing to you in regards to my opposition to H.B. 5040 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION as a law-abiding citizen who supports my right to protect myself and my family and the 2nd amendment.

I became a legal gun owner and have practiced to become proficient in the use of my tool and in the scenarios in which hope to never have to utilize it.

Having been in situations as a mother wanting to protect my home and child I have learned that as responsive as law enforcement can be that unfortunately that is all they can be, responsive. They cannot be at all places at all times to protect, that is my duty to my family.

I intend to continue to train with my firearm so that I can hone my skills and be as proficient as possible with it should the need ever arise in which I must defend my life or the life of others if an imminent threat arises. Training requires the purchase and practice use of ammunition. This tax would make the purchase of ammunition much more cost prohibitive for those trying to be responsible in continual training and safety with their firearms.

My hope is you will oppose H.B. 5040 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION as we know that this tax only hurts the law abiding citizens because criminals and those who wish to do harm to others will still find a way to do what they want and acquire ammunition. And a reminder a trained law abiding citizen is a way to hopefully deter criminals and potentially eliminate an active threat should one, God forbid, arise.

I fully appreciate your time and consideration with this vote and truly hope not only that you recognize the need for law abiding citizens to have the right to protect themselves but also in standing behind the constitution of the United States.

Respectfully,
Tracy Mason