I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ammunition tax H.B. No. 5040. I understand this bill was introduced with the best of intentions to support those affected by gun violence, however, it only serves to punish responsible gun owners that have gone through the training and processes required by town, state, and federal agencies. This bill penalizes law abiding citizens, suggesting they should be fiscally responsible for the actions of criminals who do not follow law and order.

It would be foolish to believe that there is a single solution to this problem. Legislators should make an effort to spend more time understanding their constituents not meeting their typical political base. You will find that the majority of gun owners chose to exercise their constitutional second amendment right for protection, providing food for family, and promoting positive gun safety education.

Please vote no for H.B. No. 5040
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