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Testimony on: H.B. 5040 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION

Subject: Oppose H.B. 5040

Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Rojas, Distinguished Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I am writing to you to state my strong opposition H.B. 5040. My primary objections to this bill are the following:

1) This bill disproportionately burdens lower and fixed income families.

2) This bill will conflicts with the most basic principles of gun safety by reducing the amount of training that responsible gun owners can afford. Practice and proficiency with a defensive weapon are paramount and should not be discouraged. The fact that the bill excludes municipalities and law enforcement officers obviously recognizes this principle.

3) For the thousands of competitive shooters and hunters in Connecticut, this tax would place a major financial restriction on their ability to pursue their pastimes.

I urge you to consider these objections and oppose this bill.

Best regards,

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