Good afternoon,

My name is Claire Wong-Ostapowicz and I live in Wallingford.

First and foremost, let it be clear I oppose HB 5040 An Act Establishing An Excise Tax On Ammunition bill. It is a direct attack on law-abiding citizens that more than pay their fair share, and then some. This bill is a result of an individual’s misguided agenda and will result in nothing that she states it will accomplish. Criminals do not pay taxes on their ammunition. They do not legally purchase firearms and pay taxes on those purchases. They do not follow the law, which is why they are, by definition, criminals. If this bill were to pass, crime would not decrease one bit, but law-abiding gun owners would be forced to either pay an unfair tax, purchase ammunition out of state, or forego important training. Ammunition is essential to training with a firearm and becoming comfortable with it. Myself and all gun owners hope we never need to use a firearm in self-defense, but should that need arise, one deserves and requires to be proficient with the tool they have to protect themselves. Aside from these issues, this tax is corrupt. It allows tax dollars to be siphoned to organizations that donate heavily to Democrat campaigns, I certainly do not support tax dollars going to any campaign on either side of the aisle.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony, I know it is one of thousands that oppose this bill and I appreciate your time. I look forward to this being withdrawn so that our state can focus on more important issues.

Respectfully,

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