This continual insistence on introducing legislation to create a regressive tax on ammunition (or anything else for that matter) is simply wrong. While I agree any kind of violence has been, and should continue to be a focus of our Legislative leaders, financially penalizing law-abiding citizens who engage in a recreational sport or just plain practice is not the answer.

HB5040 is simply wrong on many levels;

- It places a selective tax on a legal and common practice of competitive target shooting.
- It discourages those who exercise their 2nd amendment right to engage in practice, the very best tool for marksmanship and safety.
- It is punitive, and in many cases financially challenging to those who choose to engage in shooting sports.
- It also creates a precedent to tax any product a legislator might dislike, including and not limited to, beer, wine, hard alcohol, red meat, milk, certain publications, Doughnuts, Jamaican beef patties… I think you get my point, where would it stop?

Please do not support HB5040, or any other selective tax; this is a wrongheaded path, and a terrible precedent to set for CT’s future.

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