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Sir:

During an appropriate panel discussion, <sup>8</sup>wy not suggest a  
WHOPPING BIG EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION FOR HANDGUNS AND ASSAULT  
WEAPONS?

No constitutional rights could be involved in an excise tax on  
a product recognized to be more deadly, for example, than  
alcohol or tobacco -- already heavily "sin-taxed".

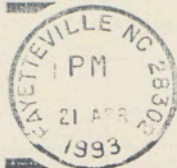
Fifty to sixty dollars will buy a handgun and a hundred rounds of  
ammunition. It is too easy and too cheap to kill. And gun  
injuries cost the American taxpayer an estimated 18 billion a  
year. Obviously we could use this new tax revenue.

The gun lobbyists/NRA would have a tough time fighting a tax on  
ammunition, given the angry mood of the American people against  
guns, and their concern over proposed new taxes on essentials  
to their well-being.

Sincerely,  
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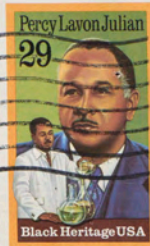
*Obviously, ammunition for the military and law enforcement  
agencies would be excluded from an excise tax.*

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