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Good afternoon I am writing to voice my opposition to senate bill 2653 and house bill 7217.

As I sit here typing this letter to you to voice my opposition to garbage legislation that both the house and senate have introduced regarding semi-automatic rifles or as the cancel culture calls it "assault Weapon". Our tiny state does not need this legislation and to hear Rep Knight on a pbs broadcast say if we don't pass this, we are the gateway to the northeast to supply them is wrong and it shows he doesn't know what he is talking about or the process on buying a firearm. Am I the only one here shaking my head thinking something isn't right or is it just me or am I standing on the wrong side of history? I am a united states army veteran and a certified range safety officer. We live in a time when the police can barley enforce the laws as it is. people demonize the police and vilify, and we make criminals into victims and year after year here we are again talking about restricting guns by a group of lawmakers who know nothing about them. Only when the State Of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations starts to Prosecute criminals who commit and act of violence with a gun will our state be safe. What I mean by this statement is that if you are arrested for a gun offense there is no plea agreement and you need to do a minimum sentence.

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