

**TO:** Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee  
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**RE: Support: H 5436**  
**Support: H 5652**

**DATE:** March 20, 2025

Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Maureen Mooney and I live in Newport.

I am writing to urge you to support H 5436 (Knight), which would prohibit the future manufacture, sale, transfer, purchase, and possession of assault weapons, while providing a pathway for current owners of assault weapons to keep the ones they currently have. This bill will reduce the spread of exceptionally deadly, military-style firearms – which are commonplace in public mass shootings – in our communities.

We need to stop new assault weapons from our communities. These will only cause more division and heartache in our communities at a time when we need to group together. I am tired on reading about shooters going in schools and public spaces and killing people. **This needs to stop.** We cannot continue to put these guns in the hands of those who have proven anger issues.

Please pass this common-sense gun safety bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

Maureen Mooney

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