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As a certified NRA & USCCA instructor for Basic Pistol Safety, Conceal Carry Training and Range Safety Officer, I see the RI legislature's attempt to classify certain firearms and accessories as assault weapons as a strictly politically based agenda. Automatic firing rifles used in the military are already ban from civilian usage. Banning certain firearms and accessories from law abiding citizens of this state does nothing but make them **criminals!** This brings up the main point of this correspondence, **criminality!** Criminals by definition are those among us who have total disregard for laws in general, so adding additional laws should in no way influence their behavior regarding their use of firearms in perpetrating the crimes they commit. I would much rather conceal carry a firearm for my protection and others within my party then depend upon others to do so. It's much better to have something and not need it then to need it and not have it. I have carry permits from: Conn, RI, Mass, NH, ME and Ut.

Therefore I oppose the passage of the following bills: H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891.

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