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#### Proposed Gun Restrictions Speech:

These proposed gun laws attempt to define semi- automatic firearms as "Assault Weapons". And, as such, ban them from ownership by law abiding citizens.

It is impossible to apply an objective definition to every firearm and then label them all as "Assault Weapons". Because "Assault Weapon" is a subjective term that implies a malicious intent for the use of a firearm. All firearms are "Defensive Weapons" until any one of them is used for anything other than that.

Much the same way a kitchen knife is defined as a "Cutting Utensil" until it is used for a violent assault, then and only then does it become an "Assault Weapon".

Writing ridiculous laws that attempt to define objects by their physical features with the intent to assign a connotation of evil to them, is ridiculous. That's just a ludicrous justification to restrict and control our rights. An inanimate object is neither good nor evil. Those terms are merely presumptions or perceptions of intended use by a subjective observer.

The proposed gun laws are equivalent to imposing restrictions on the features of a pillow, because a pillow could be used in a fatal assault. I'm sure we all agree that it would be ridiculous to classify a pillow as an "Assault Weapon" just because of the way it looks or could be used. It is just as ridiculous to classify any firearm as an "Assault Weapon" just because of the way they look or function.

Some legislators just don't know what they are talking about when it comes to firearms and in that ignorance they are making laws that will have consequences that they don't really understand.

But, being ignorant may not be their fault. They probably don't have much experience or knowledge concerning firearms. However, being uninformed and creating laws that restrict our rights is stupidity.

That is their fault.

These proposed laws are in direct contradiction to our State and Federal Constitutions and are diminishing our liberty.

The Rhode Island Constitution,  
The Article I, Section 22, unequivocally states that "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed".

This issue is not about guns, it's about freedom!  
We must not allow the uniformed few to control us, rule us, or coerce lawmakers to strip our rights, and then take away the freedom from all law abiding citizens of Rhode Island.  
If we do, that's when tyranny happens!  
That is what a few legislators are trying to do right now, right here, we can't let that happen in Rhode Island. We won't let that happen in our United States of America.

I pray this Bill will fail.  
We will celebrate together when it does, and if it does not, we will celebrate when this legislature is voted out of office. Either way, I promise you we will celebrate our victory over this autocratic oppression.

To our esteemed legislators we implore you,  
please do not allow this Bill to pass into law.

God bless all the patriots here today defending our freedom. Thank you all for your courage and dedication to preserving our Liberty and our Rights protected by the Second Amendment.