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TO: Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Amanda Grattan

RE: Support: H 5436
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Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Amanda Grattan and I live in Coventry.

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.

As an associate of the Sister of Mercy, I believe in non-violence. Rhode Island should be working to prevent military-style firearms from being in the hands of civilians.

I would like to remind you of the lives of **Danielle Arruda** of West Greenwich, and her children, **Adele (age 5), Felex (age 2) and her unborn child** - who were murdered at the hands of her husband with a semi-automatic weapon.

By allowing manufacturing, sales, transferring, purchasing and possession of military-style firearms in Rhode Island, this committee is co-signing the next murder or family alienation in our state by not doing everything in your power to prevent it.

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

Sincerely,

Amanda Grattan
Coventry, RI