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House Judiciary Chair and Committee members,

I am writing regarding H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890 and H5891

Specifically H5436 and the Governors budget bill H5076. First, both of these bills are violations of both the Federal and State Constitutions. Rhode Islands Constitution Article 1 Section 22 states “The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”. That’s it. These bills absolutely violate this.

It bothers me that the majority of lawmakers trying to pass these laws do not even understand the terminology they are using. It would also make instant felons out of law abiding citizens who followed the law and legally purchased a firearm and would force confiscation (by having to turn them in) or force the legally purchased firearm to be registered with the local police department/state – also a constitutional violation. It also bothers me that these laws would do nothing more than to infringe on the constitutional rights of the law abiding who use firearms for the right reasons – competition, self protection, target shooting or collecting. I myself own a .22 caliber pistol for competition bullseye shooting in the Ocean State Pistol League. I too do not want to see shootings on the streets of our cities and towns, the so called gun violence – which I believe is just a plain out violence/anger issue across the country, but unfortunately in my opinion the bulk of these are committed by criminals, gang members and some with mental health issues. Punishing law abiding citizens is not the answer.

So I have a few questions I am hoping you can answer:

Regarding shotguns

1. Do you know the definition of semi-auto?
2. How is a folding or telescoping stock a problem?
3. How is a pistol grip or thumbhole a problem?
4. How is a protruding grip for the non firing (support) hand a problem?
5. How is a detachable magazine a problem?
6. How is a revolving cylinder a problem?
7. How is a flash suppressor a problem?
8. How is a threaded barrel a problem?
9. How will this reduce so called gun violence?

Regarding semi-auto rifles

1. Do you know the definition of semi-auto?

2. How is a folding or telescoping stock a problem?
3. How is a pistol grip or thumbhole a problem?
4. How is a protruding grip for the non firing (support) hand a problem?
5. How is a detachable magazine a problem?
6. How is a flash suppressor a problem?
7. How is a threaded barrel a problem?
8. How is a barrel shroud a problem?
9. How will this reduce so called gun violence?

#### Regarding semi-auto pistols

1. Do you know the definition of semi-auto?
2. How is a fixed magazine with more than 10 rounds a problem?
3. How is a magazine located outside of the pistol grip a problem?
4. How is an arm brace a problem?
5. How is a detachable magazine a problem?
6. How is a flash suppressor a problem?
7. How is a threaded barrel a problem?
8. How is a barrel shroud a problem?
9. How is the weight of the pistol a problem?
10. How will this reduce so called gun violence?

By the way, I believe the 10 round capacity ban is also unconstitutional. The argument that they are so called "high capacity" magazines doesn't work. These firearms came with standard capacity magazines that were designed to work the specific firearm they were sold with. It also made law abiding citizens into felons or forced them to turn in a legally purchased product. It also has done nothing to stop criminal use of them as I see in the news on occasion that a CRIMINAL was arrested with a so called high capacity magazine.

All of the items in the above questions have a specific purpose in their use. Most are there for safety reasons or to make the firearm able to be used as intended.

A quick example: a telescoping stock allows the user to adjust the "length of pull" - the distance between the firing finger to the shoulder when held correctly, so that different statured people can reach the trigger safely. Such as family members all using the same firearm, they can do so safely by adjusting the stock to fit the individual user. Unless a custom fit firearm and stock is built for the user, at great expense, the telescoping stock is intended for the user to fit it to them.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have for me or to aid you in understanding my questions.

Thank you for your time, your service and your consideration,

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