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**From:** Schultz, Caleb <caleb\_schultz@brown.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 9:24 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Craven, Robert E.; Rep. McEntee, Carol Hagan; Rep. Knight, Jason; Rep. Ajello, Edith H.; Rep. Batista, Jose F.; Rep. Bennett, David A.; Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Corvese, Arthur J.; Rep. Cruz, Cherie L.; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.; Rep. Felix, Leonela; Rep. Noret, Thomas E.; Rep. Place, David J.; Rep. Roberts, Sherry; Rep. Boylan, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Support: H 5436 Assault Weapons Ban

Dear Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Caleb Schultz, and I am a Barrington resident in District 67 under Representative Knight. I am also a current junior at Brown University.

I am writing to urge you to support common-sense gun safety bills that will make all Rhode Islanders safer. As gun violence devastates communities across our nation, we must do everything we can here in Rhode Island to prevent gun homicides, suicides, and injuries.

Gun violence prevention has been an important part of my life since I was 13 years old when my mom would take me to bill hearings here at the Rhode Island State House and bring me to rallies across the state. Growing up, I saw appalling news again and again of mass shootings on TV and students hiding under desks and in school closets. I heard the stories firsthand of gun violence survivors who had been through unimaginable and horrifying experiences. 8 years later, some of my friends have had personal experience with gun violence and there have been countless more firearm deaths across the country.

I hope our state, the one I have grown up in for the past 19 years, can recognize the need to prevent the gruesome acts of gun violence that occur in Rhode Island from assault weapons and serve as a leader for other states across the country by voting on life-saving legislation.

Specifically, I urge you to prioritize support for:

- 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 save lives by reducing the spread of exceptionally deadly, military-style firearms - commonplace in mass shootings - making our communities safer.

Please pass this bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,  
Caleb Schultz