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TO: Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Caroline Jacobus

RE: Support: H 5436

DATE: March 24, 2025

Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Caroline Jacobus and I live in Bristol, RI.

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.

Throughout my career as a Social Worker, I have seen the tragic consequences of communities that are overrun with firearms. Children and adults heedlessly killed, families left destitute without wage earners, society's conflicts left unresolved as those on opposing sides resort to violence rather than discussion.

Please pass H5436 out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

I also support Rep Boylan's Bill (5652) to prevent those convicted of, or pleading no lo to, a crime judged to be a Hate Crime, from owning a firearm.

Sincerely,

Caroline Jacobus