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Dear Chairman Craven and members of the judiciary committee.

My name is Claudia Townend of Charlestown, Rhode Island. My representative is Tina Spears . I am a member of Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence and Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety in America.

I was not an activist and was aware there were many shootings in our country. But when the Sandy Hook massacre occurred, that was the straw that broke the camels back. And unfortunately, the NRA was able to sell and spin these massacres away from the problem , that it's the ASSAULT WEAPON that causes so many "kills", so fast.

Many second amendment advocates are afraid that the government is going to take their guns. They have been sold this story over and over again.

I know that this lie is fabricated. In fact, history tells us that in Philadelphia, when an extremist group called MOVE, was waving their assault rifles around, the government simply bombed their house.

There is no reason for a civilian to have weapons like this, and I support regulation of these weapons of war.

It is time for a vote. Let's keep a massacre like Sandy Hook and Uvalde and unfortunately so many others, from occurring in Rhode Island.

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