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Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dan Szala, a law-abiding Rhode Island citizen and gun owner and Rhode Island concealed carry permit holder. I strongly oppose H-5436, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2025. This bill unfairly targets firearms that I, and thousands of others, have legally owned for years for self-defense, sport, and recreation. It does nothing to address crime while punishing responsible citizens like me. If the people of this state and country for that matter didn't want an "assault weapon" ban before when you guys tried it, what makes you think we want it now? Not to mention gun crime accounts for 0.0528% of the deaths in this state so if it was really about public safety I ask you were is the issue with these firearms? This is grandstanding feelgood legislation that will have no real effect on crime. It will only effect law abiding citizens like myself. I urge you to vote against this overreaching legislation and protect our constitutional rights. This is one of those subjects that will keep you from being re-elected.

P.S.- I remind you that as elected officials you took an oath to protect the constitution which states ...

- "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, **SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.**"

Sincerely,
Dan Szala