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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:07 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** support for H 5436 AWB

TO: Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee  
FROM: David Beutel

RE: Support: H 5436

DATE: March 25, 2025

Dear Chair Craven and Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is David Beutel, and I am a resident of North Kingstown, RI. I request that the House Judiciary Committee moves H 5436 (Knight) out of committee and onto the full House of Representatives for their consideration this year. If passed, this important bill will 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. It will reduce the spread of exceptionally deadly, military-style firearms – which are commonplace in public mass shootings – in our communities.

Gun violence is taking a heavy toll in communities across the United States. It is a serious public health threat that urgently needs to be addressed in Rhode Island. Every step we take to minimize the terrible loss of life due to the misuse of guns is a step in the direction of safer healthier communities. It's time to ban assault weapons here in our State.

Please show your support for our families and children in Rhode Island by moving H 5436 onto the full House of Representatives with your recommendation for its passage.

Thank you,  
David Beutel