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My name is David Nunes, I am 60 years old, a disaffiliated registered voter and I am a lifelong resident of Rhode Island. I strongly oppose the upcoming gun control legislation. Recently, the Lt. Gov. stated that she wants to eliminate all guns in Rhode Island. I am new to the 2A community. My family never owned guns. My father and uncles served during the Korean era. My siblings and I never served in the military.

I've been married to the same wonderful woman since 1991. A few years ago there was chatter about defunding the police. She expressed concern on how to protect ourselves if the police are so defunded that they won't be responding for a significant amount of time. We proceeded to get training from an instructor at Mid-State in Coventry. We purchased our first pistol. The rest is history. We are now both NRA certified pistol instructors and are very active in the gun community.

The gun control that you are considering will ultimately impact this state's economy too. The local gun shops will not be able to survive. There are local manufacturers that produce accessories for the items that you are looking to ban. They'll be out of business. Don't forget everything the 2A community does for conservation. A lot of those funds come from us.

Instead of mandating over the top regulation, try spending time within the 2A community. Try shooting a target pistol. You may enjoy it. My wife and I do. You may actually appreciate the gun community. We are all law-abiding citizens that do volunteer work, vote, pay taxes, hold down full time jobs, own homes and share common values. Sounds like we are the same kind of people that the country was founded by. Please take the time to educate yourself about our passion.

### I SUPPORT:

- SB 142 -Constitutional carry for all residents over the age of 21
- SB 65 -Adds on appeal process for those who have been denied a carry permit
- SB 146 - Allows for out of state concealed carry permits to be valid in Rhode Island
- SB 144 – Permits possession or use of device that muffles sound on any firearm longer than 17”
- SB 150 – Would re-legalize silencers in the state of Rhode Island. “Not” a suppressor freedom bill – residents would still need to comply with all current federal law.

### I OPPOSE:

- HB 5069 – Limits acceptable reasons for a person to request/apply for a concealed carry license.
- HB 5130 – Would require “all crime guns” to be submitted to the ATF for testing and tracing.
- SB 59 – Would require all “crime guns” to be submitted to the ATF for testing and tracing.
- HB 5443 – Allows individuals to voluntarily add themselves to a watchlist that would restrict their right to purchase or possess a firearm.
- HB 5436 – An “assault weapons” ban to prohibit the future possession, purchase, sale, control, and manufacture of commonly owned firearms. As a reminder from our previous alert., Governor McKee’s FY 2025 budget proposal that was submitted to the General Assembly ALSO included a so-called “assault weapons” ban.

Sincerely,

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