



March 26, 2025  
Written Testimony for Public Hearing  
House Judiciary Committee  
Re: Testimony in support of House Bill 5436

Representative Craven and committee members.

**The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island strongly supports** H 5436 which restricts the manufacture, sale, purchase, and possession of assault weapons.

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the approximately 20,000 Jews in our state, as well as the broader Rhode Island community. Together, we bring Jewish tradition and values to life through meaningful action. Our work is guided by core principles, including *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. These values inform all our work, including our support for this bill. It is clear that Rhode Island would be safer with the passage of the Assault Weapons Ban, which would protect the entire state, including historically targeted communities like the Jewish community. I strongly urge the committee to safeguard the well-being of all Rhode Islanders by passing this critical legislation.

Sincerely,  
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