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Testimony Against *H-5436*

Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am celebrating my 72nd birthday this year. For the past 63 years I've been an active member of the firearms community since falling in love with the shooting sports at summer camp where I took riflery. Over the years I've been participating in shooting recreationally, competitively, and while hunting.

Shooting taught me patience, concentration, responsibility, and most importantly how to handle firearms safely. In 2021 I become a certified instructor and volunteer my time teaching those qualities to new shooters ranging from youth to senior citizens like me.

I believe that *H-5436* is not only *poorly thought out*, but it is also *excessively broad* in the firearms it targets. I'm going to leave it to others to point out how this law won't achieve the intended results. I'm going to talk about how it will affect myself and the people I instruct in the safe handling of firearms.

When I started doing this, I purchased two firearms that I believe are excellent choices for beginning shooters. Both are .22 Long Rifle caliber (22LR).

The first is a German Sporting Guns (GSG) 1911-22, which is a .22LR version of the Colt 1911 handgun that our military used for more than 70 years. It has all the controls that new shooters will encounter on handguns, which will make them more knowledgeable and safer shooters.

The GSG 1911-22 would be outlawed under H-5436 due to having a threaded barrel, which is common on European guns where suppressors are commonly used for noise abatement.

The rifle I purchased was a Ruger 10/22, a model that has been in existence almost as long as I have. I chose this rifle because its light weight makes it easy for small adults and young people to hold.

My Ruger 10/22 would be outlawed by H-5436 due to the decorative flash suppressor on its muzzle.

Also featured on many of the rifles used for new shooters is a telescoping stock that can be extended or shortened to better fit the shooter. This is especially useful for young people and many women. *It too would be outlawed by H-5436.*

I ask you to please not penalize these boys, girls, men, and women by denying them the use of firearms that make it more enjoyable for them to participate in the shooting sports. *Please vote against H-5436.*

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion. Have a great day!

Yours truly,

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