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Good morning Mr. Craven,

May I take a few minutes of your time and ask you to read this:

My name is Gary Carlson and I reside in East Greenwich.

I am 78 years old and have been a responsible sportsman, competition shooter in handgun and skeet sports and gun owner for over 60 years. I have taken numerous safety and gun handling courses. Never have I seen such a horrible prospective law.

This law will ban a huge swath of firearms that law abiding citizens own and make felons out of them. It does nothing to address crime on our streets and gun toting gang violence.

This new proposed law seeks to ban many semi automatic shotguns and other currently owned firearms used in legitimate sports and hunting. When has a sporting shotgun ever been used in a crime in Rhode Island ? When was an assault rifle ever been used in a robbery or killing in Rhode Island ?

Why not stiffen the laws and penalties against the illegal firearms used on the street.

This bill is an attempt by people who oppose and don't understand firearms to impose their will on honest law abiding people. It won't end here !! They will continue to flood our legislature with these outrageous bills until something passes. You have the power to stop this nonsense !!!

Thank you for reading this and letting me express my opinion. I hope that this bill will never get out of your committee.

Sincerely and respectfully. Gary Carlson ifishinri@aol.com