

DATE: March 24, 2025

TO: House Judiciary

RE: **Opposition to: H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891**

Honorable Committee,

My name is Guy Riendeau and I am a voter and a lifelong resident of Rhode Island. I served as a police officer with the Town of Burrillville for 34.5 years, retiring in March of 2022.

As a retired police officer and a member of a local gun club, I **oppose bills: H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891**. Not because I am a “gun nut”, because I believe these are bad laws which will have no impact on anyone whose intent is to create a mass casualty event.

Rhode Island is one state out of many who has not had to respond to a mass casualty incident involving an active shooter. However, in recent days first responders in Cranston and Providence have responded to stabbings totaling 4-5 victims. It appears knives are more of a problem in this state than guns. Are we going to ban knives? Are we going to file a lawsuit against the knife manufacturer? Sounds ridiculous, right? This is what is happening in the firearm industry and to legal gun owners.

I respectfully ask that you consider all the legal gun owners who do the right thing every day and vote **no** on these laws which not only violate 2nd amendment rights, but punish innocent gun owners.

Thank you

Respectfully,

Guy R. Riendeau