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Good Afternoon,

The proposed bill is an infringement on lawful citizen's second amendment rights. Passing this will have no effect on gun violence. Chicago has a similar "assault weapons" ban and had 4,550 shooting incidents and 617 homicides reported in 2023. New York City (also with an "assault weapon" ban) had 974 shootings. A better and more positive solution would be to redirect the funds dedicated to this effort to our decaying school systems. It would have a better result on future gun violence than this ban.

This ban will only embolden criminals and criminalize law abiding gun owners who wish to protect their families and loved ones. It will hurt the local economy in an already unstable economic environment and push Rhode Island to vote red in a critical upcoming midterm election.

**"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."
- James Madison**

Thank you,
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