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Please use the Governments own data, see below link, to inform yourselves on the foolishness of your push to violate our 2nd Ammendment rights by passing the current so-called ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN?

According to CDC data, 66% of all RI deaths related to guns were suicides in 2023, the latest year data is available for!

Example:

In 2023, RI had 4.8 per 100,000 residents involved in gun deaths, with 66% suicides not mass shootings or school shootings, while we had 5.8 per 100,000 residents die in motor vehicle accidents.

DO WE HAVE TO OUTLAW MOTOR VEHICLES NEXT?

Please use common sense. RI is ranked 49th of the 50 states in gun related deaths. The current laws in RI are apparently working without passing an ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN!

I was born in RI, and have lived here all my life, minus 3.5 years of service in the US Marine Corps. I am also a retired law enforcement officer. I don't want to ever leave RI, but will leave forever if the ASSAULT Weapons Ban becomes law. Please don't force me, and other RI residents to leave our birth State!

Also, be advised I, and 10's of thousands of gun owners in RI, have disaffiliated and are prepared to vote in the next Democrat primary against all those that vote for this unconstitutional legislation.

<https://usafacts.org/answers/how-many-people-die-from-gun-related-injuries-in-the-us-each-month/state/rhode-island/>

Respectfully,

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