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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: My strong opposition to the proposed assault weapons ban

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Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed ban on assault weapons currently under consideration (H-5436, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2025).

This legislation raises significant constitutional concerns as its provisions contradict the Rhode Island Constitution and federal law. The proposed ban defies two critical Supreme Court decisions—District of Columbia v. Heller and McDonald v. City of Chicago—which affirm an individual's right to bear arms. Enforcing this ban would likely lead to costly lawsuits that burden taxpayers and divert resources away from essential services.

Furthermore, I find it alarming that this measure has been proposed as part of a budget bill. Such an approach undermines the transparency and rigor that should accompany significant legislative decisions. This tactic is not only draconian but undermines the public's trust in the legislative process.

This legislation is a solution in search of a problem. We do not have a problem with firearms in RI.

Which is it? Do we have a crime problem, or are we a safe society? If it's a crime problem, that is your fault, and I should not bear the legislative burden and have my constitutionally protected right to defend myself stripped. If we have a safe society, then this bill is unnecessary.

These laws are ineffective. If they worked so well, why do I see news and police reports charging criminals with illegal firearms and "high capacity" magazines? According to your past laws, that has to be impossible.

I urge you to reconsider supporting this proposal in light of these profound legal and ethical implications. Upholding our constitutional rights should be a priority for our state. I firmly believe that any efforts to regulate firearms should be tested against the rights guaranteed to us by state and federal law before being written and proposed.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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