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I am an actively and fully certified NRA instructor for Basic Pistol Safety and a Range Safety Officer,

RI legislature's attempt to classify certain firearms and accessories as "*assault weapons*" is 100% a totally politically based agenda with no basis in safety.

Automatic firing rifles used in the military and enforcement are **already** banned from civilian usage. Banning certain firearms, accessories and bullet counts in magazines from law abiding citizens of this state **does nothing to enhance safety** and only **serves to make law-abiding citizens into criminals!**

By definition, criminals are those among us who disregard laws in general, so adding additional laws will NOT influence their behavior concerning the use of firearms by them when they commit crimes. I would much rather conceal carry a firearm than depend upon others to protect me since law enforcement is not with me 24/7. It is always better to have the ability to protect oneself and not need it than to need protection and not have it.

I presently have concealed carry permits from: Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and Utah & I am in the queue awaiting the card from Massachusetts.

I unilaterally oppose the passage of the following bills: H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891.

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