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Chairman Craven, and House Judiciary Committee Members,

Please vote against H5436, HB 5436, HB 5443, HB 5130, and HB 5069
But especially H5436

My name is Joseph Varin.
I am a 74 yr old, lifelong resident of Smithfield.
I hope you take the time to read my entire message.

I am at a loss to explain the lack of logic and common sense surrounding H5436.
This bill does absolutely nothing for the safety of RI citizens and severely violates the RI gun owner's legal and constitutional rights.
If we simply start with the RI and US Constitution, shall not be infringed comes to mind, but then it gets worse. Notwithstanding the provisions of RI 11-47-41. No gun registration allowed in RI. It's illegal but you're going to do it anyway ? And why ? Because you know that you have the State of RI legal resources and we can't afford to mount an appeal, just to be hung up in court draining and finances we may have. Just like what you have done with the sneaky, back door mag ban.
And let's add invasion of privacy by requiring fingerprinting to determine ownership eligibility of a firearm already in the person's possession.
This is outrageous.

Lastly is the effectiveness of this ban. It bans plastic. There are other semiautomatic firearms that do not fall under these restrictions that fire the same bullet, at the same rate of fire, with the same velocity, with the same accuracy and magazine capacities. The difference is there is no pistol grip, or collapsible stock. None of the inconsequential attributes listed in this ban. None of which changes the lethality of the firearm, but it allows you all to say that you followed the lead of the other states that have been brow beaten by the Moms and Everytown.
The end result is you kiss the ring of the Moms and gift them our Constitutional rights.

But beyond all of this, RI is one of the safest states for gun problems. The vast majority of which are not committed with so called "assault weapons". The politically manufactured, non-existent weapon term. The current laws are working.
We know why this ban is happening, and quite honestly, I almost understand.
If I had a bunch of whining Karens, funded by out of state money, screeching in my ear, I'd want to get rid of them too.
Fact is, there are close to 200,000 gun owners in RI. The "Moms" are paid for. The RI gun owner most likely has a job. We can't be there harassing you like the Moms can.

But I call your attention to a hearing about 8 or so years ago, when there were 50 to 75 red shirts in the statehouse and several thousand yellow shirts (pro-Second Amendment RI citizens) surrounding the statehouse, down Francis Street and winding around. It was a mass effort made by people willing to take time out of work to show their numbers.

Those thousands of pro-2A people back then, feel the same way today.

We may not be screeching in your ears daily, but we vote and we're all disaffiliating. All 200,000 of us...

Do what's right for the RI gun owner.

Vote against this absurd bill and stand by the RI gun owner by protecting the rights of your constituents.

We are not a problem and neither are our firearms..

Thank you,
Joseph Varin