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Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Katie Rudio, a law-abiding Rhode Island citizen and soon to be gun owner. I strongly oppose H-5436, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2025. This bill unfairly targets firearms that I, and thousands of others, have legally owned for years for self-defense, sport, and recreation. It does nothing to address crime while punishing responsible citizens like me. I urge you to vote against this overreaching legislation and protect our constitutional rights. Just this year, I have been reading the state's firearms laws and getting ready to take my blue card test this week! Having the right to own guns is not only in our Constitution, but it is a right as citizens who comply correctly and act accordingly. As the Constitution states, it is the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and it shall not be infringed! Please do not let the evidence of those who are not fit to own or carry affect the many more who follow the laws and do everything by the book. Living as a woman can sometimes be scary with events that we hear on the news; owning firearms and following the laws for them is important for peace of mind and it is a right that we have. Please use your voice to vote against this ban. May God bless you all and your families!

Sincerely,  
Katie Rudio