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Chairman Representative Robert E. Craven,

RE: H-5436 Assault Weapons Ban 2025: Against Passage

Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Kimberly Vecchio. I live in North Kingstown, RI and I am about to be a new mom. I am writing to you today because I strongly oppose H-5436, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2025. I am a law abiding citizen living in the United States of America. I have rights under the 2nd amendment to own a firearm for self-defense as well as other reasons. As a mom, I also have the right to defend my baby in the event that a criminal targets us or our home. This is a right you are threatening with this bill. This bill unfairly targets law abiding citizens like myself, and other people who have legally owned firearms and used them responsibly for years. This law does absolutely nothing to control criminals who are already breaking many laws and would not hesitate to obtain one of these banned "assault weapons" should they want one. This law only punishes law abiding citizens and limits our ability to defend ourselves as well as generally violates our 2nd amendment rights. What responsibility will you have when a criminal comes into my home and harms me or my child because I didn't have the means to defend myself?

I urge you to vote against this overreaching legislation and protect our constitutional rights.

Sincerely, Kimberly Vecchio North Kingstown, RI