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Dear Chairman and House Judiciary Committee

My name is Lars G. Hanson Sr., a law abiding Rhode Island citizen and 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-defence, sport and recreation.

H-5436 does nothing to address crime while punishing responsible citizens like me. I take pride in the fact that I built my AR-15 and enjoy using it for sport at the Great Swamp shooting range. I have not been arrested and don't have a criminal record, but the passage of this bill would treat me as if I do.

As an IT Specialist and computer tech, now retired, I was vetted by the D.O.D. and held a secret clearance for the support work I did at General Dynamics Electric Boat for over eighteen years. Why should people like myself with no criminal record or history of violence, be punished with an effort that does not address getting all guns out of the hands of criminals.

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

Respectfully,
Lars G. Hanson Sr.