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RE: Support of House Bill H5436

Dear Chairman Craven and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Linda Crotta Brennan and I live in Coventry and my Representative is Rep. Nardone. I'm writing in support of Representative Knight's assault weapons regulation bill, H5436, but I also support these bills: H5443, H5651, H5652, H5889, H5891.

H5436 will reduce the number of deadly, military-style firearms in our communities and it will keep us safer. I have watched with horror as school shooting unfolded, time and time again, and all our legislators do is offer their prayers.

Why ban assault weapons? When an assault weapon and/or a large-capacity magazine is used in a public mass shooting, nearly 14 times as many people are injured, and

twice as many people are killed.

From 2015 to 2022, mass shootings with four or more people killed where an assault weapon was used resulted in nearly six times as many people shot, more than twice as many people killed, and 23 times as many people wounded on average compared to those

that did not involve the use of one.

A recent Children's Defense Fund's Parent and Child Trends Survey by YouGov, found fear of a school shooting the second most common worry for children between 6 and 17 years old and their parents. One-third of children surveyed said they are worried about a shooting happening at their school. Children shouldn't fear for their lives at school.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this important legislation. Rhode Islanders deserve to live free from gun violence, and getting these weapons of war off our streets is an important and long overdue step. It is time to vote this bill out of committee and send it to the House Floor with a recommendation of passage.

Sincerely,

Linda Crotta Brennan