

## Ariana Costa

---

**From:** Louis Sposato <sposatlp@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2025 12:16 AM  
**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Cc:** 'Louis Sposato'  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 5436

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to express my strong opposition to a House Bill 5436, RI Assault Weapon Ban.

I am a 28 year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. I have owned weapons since I was 18 years old. I enjoy target shooting and always store my weapons safely. I believe this bill is in violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Bill of Rights to Constitution of the United States, "the right to bear arms" as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment, "unreasonable search and seizure." If enacted, this bill would penalize law-biding citizens like myself who purchased the weapon legally in the State of Rhode Island and paid State taxes to Rhode Island on the weapon. I also strongly believe that this bill would do nothing to deter crime as criminals would not obey the law anyway.

All elected officials swear an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States. To support any legislation that clearly defies the Constitution is a violation of that oath and cannot be condoned or justified, no matter what one's personal opinion on the issue might be. The U.S. Supreme Court has struck down similar legislation that other States have attempted to enact. Why the RI Legislature would attempt to pass any unconstitutional law is beyond me.

Thank you for your time on this issue.

Sincerely,

Louis Sposato  
25 Holly Drive  
Westerly, RI 02891  
sposatlp@aol.com  
(401) 596-4727 (h)  
(401) 573-7373 (c)