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Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Michael J. Recorvits, 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-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.

As you know there has been an increase of home invasions in Rhode Island. I'm a senior citizen and life long resident of Rhode Island. I believe it's important, as a law abiding citizen, to have access of firearms to protect my family and me in my home.

As the Lincoln Council noted in its recent resolution opposing this bill, "... the limited gun violence that does exist is not from law abiding citizens who own firearms, but from criminals who pay no attention to any existing or proposed laws, so it naturally follows that any bills restricting the rights of firearm owners will have NO impact on the criminal element responsible for gun violence;"

I encourage you and all State representatives to pass laws to increase education on safe storage of firearms and education in middle and high schools to report any potential threats seen on social media.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Michael J. Recorvits
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