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To The House Judiciary Committee,

I am opposed to the following bills:

HB 5436 – Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025 : Establishes the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025

Remarks: This is a blatant Infringement on citizens' rights. This bill bans thousands of Semi-automatic Firearms. H5436 is unconstitutional both at the state and federal level.

HB 5443 – Suicide Prevention – Voluntary Firearm Restrictions Act : Creates process for individual to voluntarily be either temporarily or indefinitely added to a list restricting their rights to purchase or possess firearms.

Remarks: There is no clear firearm return process and there are background check concerns.

HB 5651 – Juvenile Records Access for Firearm Background Checks : Allows access to juvenile criminal records in order to conduct firearm background checks.

Remarks: For decades, it has been acceptable for people have had their juvenile records sealed. People make mistakes long before they reach maturity and the courts have accepted that fact.

HB 5652 – Weapons – Hate Crime Sentencing Enhancement Restrictions : Precludes a person who pled nolo contendere or convicted of a misdemeanor offense and sentenced in

accordance with the hate crime sentencing enhancement act for such misdemeanor, from purchasing, owning, carrying, transporting or having possession firearm.

Remarks: This bill has a disproportionate impact on minorities and there are legal access issues.

HB 5654 – Weapons – Concealed Carry Permit Restrictions for Out-of-State Residents : Prohibits local licensing authorities from issuing a concealed carry permit to out of state residents based on permits issued by authorities from other states or subdivisions.

Remarks: If the applicant's home state has issued a permit, then their approval to do so, should be included in the approval process.

HB 5889 – Expungement of Criminal Records – Consideration in Firearm Licensing : Allows a law enforcement agency to consider expunged records when issuing a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver.

Remarks: There are clear guidelines that have been followed for decades to disallow expunged records for non-violent crimes. This policy should be maintained.

HB 5890 – Weapons – Prohibition on Firearm Possession Under 18 : Specifies that it is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) to possess a firearm.

Remarks: This bill will have a negative impact on junior shooting programs. It is extremely important that children be taught firearm safety, to prevent accidental injury and junior shooting programs do a very good job training youths.

HB 5891 – Weapons – Felony Conviction Firearm Possession Ban : Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions from purchasing or possessing a firearm.

Remarks: On the surface, this bill appears to be sound, but it does not take expunged / sealed records into account.

Thank you,

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