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Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Neil Chapman of Richmond RI, 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. No one has ever shown how any of this forces criminals to be disarmed. There are plenty of laws on the books now that should be enforced, not the creation of more. Stop cutting plea deals on every gun charge in an assault or drug case! Enforce those penalties and LOCK THEM UP! Also, this state has an enormous budget shortfall looming ahead, so how does all the tax revenue from sales get replaced? Income tax revenue from the workers who will no longer have jobs when the shops they work at are forced to close? Your oath is to protect the constitution, not dismantle it. I urge you to vote against this overreaching legislation and protect our constitutional rights.

Sincerely,
Neil Chapman