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Dear RI legislation,

I want to go on record in my opposition to HB5436.

I am a law-abiding citizen, and I do not support this bill.

Growing up in Burrillville, I was raised to respect and use firearms. I received a shotgun from my grandfather for hunting at a young age. Immediately, my father enrolled the two of us in gun safety classes. I furthered my love for the sport in Boy Scouts, where they taught us more safety and respect for firearms.

Spring weather has officially set upon us, and in Burrillville, this means you can hear the sounds of firearms in the distance on a lovely weekend. The sound is typical for us to hear from Spring through Fall. It's part of who we are and where we live. I don't believe anyone who is in favor of the bill will understand how so many citizens can responsibly use firearms and safely keep them out of the hands of others.

That is what we do. We follow the laws and keep our firearms safe and stored correctly. It is also our amendment right to do so, and our founding fathers established the amendment for a reason.

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Respectfully, Nicolas J. Ciummo Burrillville, RI