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Good evening my name is Paul Peltier I live at 42 Wood Cove Drive. I am a 33 year Army veteran and current US Navy Civilian employee.

I've spent my life supporting and defending the constitution of the United States. I would like to take this time to express my strong opposition to the following bills: H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891.

The state currently does not enforce the laws in place. Law abiding citizens are not the issue. However, we are frequently the target of misplaced bills. These ill conceive bills, designed to gain political notoriety, financial backing and favor from out of state doners, if enacted will not solve the perceived problem of gun violence.

As you know gun violence is currently at an all time low in the state. These bills if enacted will cause undue hardship to law abiding citizens. They may even make felons out of citizens who purchased a weapon or magazines lawfully with proper intent; who followed all the laws in place.

Your focus should be the criminal element in society, illegal migrants and foreign gang members who seek sanctuary in our state.

More critically your focus must be supporting law enforcement efforts to bring these conditions under control. Not threatening RISP officers for participation in ICE activities. We are one nation, one team and we need to start acting that way.

The citizens of Rhode Island are paying attention to your actions and inactions. We will respond at the voting booth according to your ability to represent your constituents.

Thank you for your time, remember the oath you swore to protect and defend the constitution of the state and nation and thank you for yourvconsideration to this critical matter.

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