

Ariana Costa

From: Philip Jenkins <jenkinsp841@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 4:00 PM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Opposition to H5436, H5654

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Good evening,

I write to voice my opposition to H5436 and H5654. H5436 bans the most commonly lawfully owned and used firearms in the country while doing nothing to make our state safer. The state I grew up, Maryland, passed nearly identical legislation in 2013. Not only has violent crime not decreased in many cities such as Baltimore it has increased. In addition to being ineffective it is also blatantly unconstitutional. It cannot meet the standard set forth under Bruen of requiring the law to comport with the history, text, tradition during the founding period. Nor could it meet the standard set under *DC v Heller* either that commonly owned weapons with lawful purposes cannot be banned.

Phil Jenkins
Glocester, RI

Sent from my iPhone