

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AWB SUBMISSION 03 26 2025

Ramsey Davis living in Cranston for the past 45 years. Brandon Potter is my Representative.

### Chairman Craven and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

#### In Support of House Bill No. [5436](#)

Thank you for your previous work to pass the **safe storage bill**. As a result, nearly 500-gun locks have been distributed in a few months through various RI libraries thanks to BeSMART for Kids and Mom's. FREE with supporting literature. You made this possible.

There are nearly 500 more guns safely stored because of YOUR action.

I am a retired teacher of over 30 years in K-12, public and private schools and a grandfather to 12-year-old attending public school in Cranston.

I am a Marine Corps Viet Nam veteran who carried an Assault Weapons for a year in live combat. I have 1<sup>st</sup> hand, live fire experience both behind and **in front** of Assault Weapons.

It has taken me years to admit to myself that I am a gun violence survivor. I experienced firsthand the destruction these weapons can inflict on a human body. I carried the mangled bodies of my comrades onto helicopters knowing they had no chance of recovery. I watched as my Navy medic lay dying with one round to his thigh from an assault weapon. These rounds produce a very high muzzle velocity causing great damage to the human body. <sup>1</sup>

- The five deadliest mass shooting incidents in America over the past decade all involved the use of assault weapons. <sup>2</sup>

These are weapons of war. They do not belong in the hands of civilians, just like many other weapons removed from civilian use.

I am including photos and descriptions of many other weapons that are still available for ownership in RI. The argument that, "They want to take away all our weapons," is a hoax.

You can hunt legally with these weapons, but you would blow your game into hundreds of pieces but where is the sportsmanship in that? So, what are Assault Weapons good for? They are weapons of war designed to kill humans. Plain and simple.

Why should RI be a supplier of assault weapons to surrounding states that have legally banned these weapons of war?

If an Assault Weapons tragedy happens in RI, I suggest your conscience will haunt you the rest of your life if you have not acted on this legislation. Sandy Hook Elementary School is only 80 miles from the RI border. Let us do what we can to prevent such a tragedy happening here.

Please, move this bill to the floor for a vote.

Support: [5436](#), [5651](#), [5652](#), [5654](#), [5891](#), [5443](#)

Oppose: [5935](#), [5666](#)

- 1) <https://www.everytown.org/solutions/assault-weapons/>
- 2) [https://everytownresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/07/EFGV02\\_Assault-Weapons-and-High-Capacity-Magazines\\_Rd2\\_6-1.pdf](https://everytownresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/07/EFGV02_Assault-Weapons-and-High-Capacity-Magazines_Rd2_6-1.pdf)