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The only people effected by this ban will be the 160,000 plus law abiding, tax paying gun owners in our state. Some are hunters but most are sport shooters and collectors. It would have no effect on law enforcement and crime reduction. Criminals, by definition are outlaws and will not be turning in their illegal firearms. And how many deranged mass shootings have we had in Rhode Island? It makes no sense. Firearm control advocates have clearly miss-targeted the wrong group. Their efforts would be better served by focusing against those that would do harm. Again, the only people effected under HB-5436 would be tax paying, law abiding Rhode Islanders wishing to be left alone by government over reach.

 This ban would be detrimental to many equipment suppliers, gun smiths and gun range businesses that pay state taxes and employ folks in the state. The bill proposes a firearms registry, which is illegal under Rhode Island law (RI General Law § 11-47-41), making the proposal unenforceable and illegal. Most importantly, it deprives thousands of their 2nd amendment rights under our constitution.

 HB 5436 proposes the exact opposite of the recent executive order, reaffirming second amendment rights for all law abiding citizens. This amendment was created to provide citizenry a means to protect against tyrannical government. With this in mind I have written the Whitehouse, urging assistance in the elimination of all infringements and constitutional rights restored for all law abiding Rhode Islanders.

HB-5436, this miss-targeted, unconstitutional bill, must be defeated. Political motivations must not be allowed to override citizen rights. Common sense, good and fair governance must prevail for all law abiding Rhode Islanders.

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