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Chairman Representative Robert E Craven,  
RE: H-5436 Assault Weapons Ban 2025: Against Passage

I strongly oppose H-5436. This bill unfairly targets firearms owners in the state of Rhode Island. Similar legislation passed years ago in neighboring states has shown to have no measurable decrease in homicides or violent crime.

What these bans do is penalize law abiding gun owners with a tax on their firearms and an unconstitutional form of registry.

It will also drastically impact dozens of Rhode Island businesses in the industry by rendering more than half their current inventories unsalable to their patrons. These businesses will be forced to take large losses on product, ultimately forcing layoffs and driving up costs.

Please consider these arguments and all the others made year after year against this type of ban.

Sincerely,

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