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House Judiciary Committee Members, I understand that you feel the need to do something, however I feel you are attempting to solve a problem that doesn't exist in Rhode Island. In 2023 there were 58 gun related deaths in RI, of which 35 were suicides, and 21 were homicides. Rhode Island gun related deaths are 64% lower than the rest of the United States. Which puts RI as the fourth lowest in the country. I am sure a close review at the 2023 homicides would show that none or a negligible number were committed by the guns you are attempting to ban.

The current bill H-5436 is so broad as to include the Ruger 10/22 rifle which only fire .22 caliber ammunition. Also if anyone is planning on killing another person, they really don't care if there is a law forbidding the gun they are using.

In addition, the largest school massacre was committed in 1927 with dynamite. The second largest was at Virginia Tech in 2007, which was committed using two 9mm handguns. The Columbine Colorado school shooting which started the copy-cat shootings, was committed using shotguns and an attempt with explosives.

In my opinion your Bill H-5436 will not stop evil people from committing crimes, but will make many law abiding citizens criminals.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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