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Greetings Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is Robert N Simmons Jr.. I am writing this testimony in opposition of HB 5436, HB 5443, HB 5130, and HB 5069.

Being a lifelong resident of Rhode Island, a voter and Second Amendment supporter, I feel as though the law abiding 2A community is constantly under attack by some of the legislators in Rhode Island that feel the need to strip away the rights of the law abiding 2A community instead of addressing the actual problem in our state. The law-abiding firearm owner isn't the problem, which has been proven time and time again. When it comes to gun violence, it is the criminal who is the problem.

If we want to curb gun violence, we should enforce the laws we already have in place. Instead of allowing the violent criminal to plea bargain their charges, they should be held accountable for their actions. Sadly, violence seems to always find a way. Newer, stricter laws will not change that. Newer, stricter laws will only penalize a group of law abiding, 2A supporting voters who have done nothing wrong. Take, for example, the magazine capacity law that recently passed. That law limited magazine capacity to 10 rounds. Has the law truly curbed gun violence? It doesn't appear to have. The only thing it did is cause legal gun owners the inability to purchase a firearm with the standard capacity magazine the firearm manufacturer designed the firearm be used with, while the criminals who have no regard for the law, continue to commit acts of violence with no regard for the law.

I urge you to please oppose HB 5436, HB 5443, HB 5130, and HB 5069.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Robert N Simmons Jr
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