

March 15, 2025

TO: Chairman Representative Robert E. Craven  
From: Robert Wambolt  
RE: H-5436 Assault Weapons Ban – Vote Oppose

Dear Chairman Craven:

I moved from Massachusetts to Rhode Island almost 20 years ago. I spent close to 25 years involved in law enforcement, and have seen the rights of law-abiding citizens that own firearms being slowly taken away, while criminals (who don't worry about gun laws), continue to commit crimes.

This bill does nothing to address crime but does punish law-abiding citizens like me. We already have a ban on high-capacity magazines, so this would just take away semi-automatics from citizens, leaving them to possess antiquated revolvers to protect their families, while criminals have whatever weapons they choose to commit crimes with.

I urge you to vote against this legislation and protect our constitutional rights. I can tell you that this legislation would never even get introduced in states like Texas or Florida. We have enough people and businesses leaving Rhode Island already, so we don't need more.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Regards,

Robert Wambolt