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I am writing to you to ask you to vote against H5436. Too many restrictions are being placed on legal gun owners. Americans have the right to bear arms per the constitution and many of our representatives are trying to chip these rights away a little at a time. It is NOT the legal gun owners that are the ones committing crimes. They are subject to unjust and unnecessary restrictions time and time again. The folks proposing a ban on assault weapons, when asked cannot even answer what an assault weapon is. The problem is not the gun. Our Rhode Islanders have guns for many reasons, hunting, sport, target practice at ranges, collection, it does not matter. They are given the right to do so. I agree there is a problem with guns being used in crimes and this needs to be stopped. The answer is not to take rights away from lawful gun owners. The problem must be curbed by tougher penalties for people who unlawfully obtain, alter and use them for criminal offenses. This is more of a judicial problem than a lawful gun owner problem. When our courts don't hold these offenders accountable, they will repeat. Punish the offenders, not the legal firearm owner. This bill is a result of court process not holding offenders accountable, therefore allowing them to repeat. This bill does nothing to curb gun violence. It's only here to make it look like the legislature is doing something to curb gun violence. This bill is not the answer. Please do not consider passage of this bill. It is not the answer. 2nd Amendment is a right! Thank you, Robin Kemp

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