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I want to express my opposition to this legislation. It does nothing to protect Rhode Islanders from criminals who use guns illegally. It does everything to deny law abiding RI citizens their 2nd amendment rights. The same people who pose NO THREAT to any other law abiding citizen. Our founding fathers added the 2nd amendment right behind the 1st for a reason. They wanted to insure that US citizens would never have to suffer under any tyrannical government that might emerge with no power to resist. They wanted a government, "Of the people, By the People, and For the people." Not; Of, By, and For the government.

We should never forget the wisdom of our founding fathers. They wrote one of the greatest documents ever written. When we chip away at the 2nd amendment, we chip away at out guaranteed freedoms and democracy.