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To: Honorable Chairman Representative Robert E. Craven

Here is my Testimony on why I Oppose HB-5436 Assault Weapons Ban

My name is Steven Jerome Rocha, 68 years of age, my residence is 857 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, Rhode Island.

I'm an USAFE Veteran, semi-retired, the last 25 years working as a Senior Principal Software Engineer in Global Support for EMC/Dell Inc Federal (US Special Projects, Pentagon, Military, vetted for Dell Federal Customers).

I Briefly wish to express my viewpoint and opposition to Rhode Island Bill HB-5436. My reason is simple, This bill clearly is unfairly is targeting the law abiding Rhode Island (legal) gun owners, if this bill passes it impacts me personally, this would end my ability to train, to remain at top level family and personal security safety, this HB-5436 would close down the Shooting Ranges in Rhode Island, it would close down all licensed gunsmiths. It would cause all NRA Certified trainer's to lose there livelihood, and cause dealers such as D&L Shooting Supplies in Warwick, RI severe economic impact, with dealers, smiths, and supply store forced to be closed down. Lawful Rhode Islanders with DEM Blue Cards and CCW would no longer be able to acquire any semi-automatic guns, rifles, parts and accessories, as these would all be forbidden. There is no logical reason for HB-5436, appearances indicate this is do to hoplophobic cringing, those with uncontrollable fear of guns, should not be spying on there neighbor's who value the God given Second Amendment (2A) to the U.S. Constitution states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

With Defund the Police programs that have impacted Blue States across the country in recent years, many of us, purchased these self defence tools, as for myself i payed over \$10,000 during the past three years alone in gaining responsible safety training, and learning how to handle these responsible adult safety tools, and have additionally received training at Rhode Island Gun Ranges. I have found that the Range owner's are very responsible business people, and that the Range Safety Officers, are very serious in monitoring the clients who visit these ranges to improve on there safe operation of these devices. There would also be a grave 'tax revenue' decline, as 160,000 owner's, would no longer be purchasing any Second Amendment (2A) related items.

I hope for the sake of law abiding Rhode Islanders and for the U.S Constitution States that the Political Leadership in Rhode Island may wisely choose to stay bound to the U.S. Constitution.

your public servant
Steven Jerome Rocha

