



CITY OF CENTRAL CALLS
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Hon. Robert Craven
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for H-5436, H-5443, H-5651, H-5652, H-5654, H-5890, H-5891

Dear Chairman Craven and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

As a proud member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, I write in support of the aforementioned gun safety bills. These bills enjoy the support of a majority of the House members and I humbly urge the Committee to pass these bills onto the House floor for a vote this year.

As the Mayor of Central Falls, I am committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our residents, and I firmly believe that common-sense gun safety measures, including a ban on assault weapons, are critical to protecting our communities from gun violence. Our city, like many others across the state and nation, has witnessed the devastating impact of gun violence. While we are fortunate to have dedicated law enforcement officers and community leaders working tirelessly to keep our neighborhoods safe, we must take proactive legislative steps to reduce the risk of mass shootings and other violent incidents.

Assault weapons, designed for rapid and excessive firepower, have no place in our streets, schools, places of worship, or public spaces. A statewide ban on these dangerous firearms would be a significant step toward preventing unnecessary loss of life and fostering a safer environment for our residents. By taking decisive action, Rhode Island can set an example for responsible gun legislation that prioritizes public safety while respecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

The residents of Central Falls, along with countless others across our state, deserve to live free from the fear of gun violence. We have an obligation to protect our communities, and this ban is a necessary step toward achieving that goal. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the safety of all Rhode Islanders. I look forward to working together to create a safer, stronger future for our state.

Sincerely,

Maria Rivera
Mayor

Cc: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee