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To whom it may concern,

My name is Timothy Nawracaj. I reside at 176 Hammet Road Coventry RI 02816.

As a proud pro-gun Rhode Islander, I insist you oppose any and all gun grabs, including H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891. The so-called "Assault Weapons" Bans. HB 5436, HB 5076, and SB 359 only serves to target the law-abiding while criminals have no intention of following the law. I also insist the house judiciary of the RI legislature note my dissent and submit my testimony.

For context, I have a BA in Justice Studies from Rhode Island College. I worked for 3 years as a counselor for at risk youth. My family and friends are police officers. I have grown up around firearms and working with people who don't follow or respect the law. To date, none of my peers, family members and to be frank, people who understand common law would ever in good faith back this (democrat and republican). This has nothing to do with party affiliation. The proposed law only puts innocent people at risk, and police officers jobs harder in life threatening situations. Criminals think twice when civilians are armed it's been proven and these laws will not stop criminals from getting these guns.

Governor McKee should have no right to place a proposal in the budget without a vote from fellow Rhode Islanders. Similar to his ban on 10 round magazines. As the Lieutenant Governor stated on TV they want to abolish any citizen from owning guns. This goes against the second amendment. This law would not be upheld in federal court.

RI has the lowest gun related crime rates in the country...with, already, the most restrictive (and unconstitutional) gun laws in the country. If passed, this draconian legislation would turn thousands of law-abiding gun owners into criminals over night. This law is clearly being over politicized and is a diversion for the real issues we are facing in our state.

Please focus on roads, bridges, and homeless shelters that cost 10x what they should have. Or the town I live in being so focused on a pond while the town is upside down in the budget. The solution is to empower people, give them choices, and hold them accountable when they make bad ones. Taking people's rights away has never been the solution to fixing a systemic issue.

Sincerely,

Timothy Nawracaj