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Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Victoria Catalano-Healey, a law-abiding Rhode Island citizen and gun owner. I strongly oppose H-5436, the so-called "Assault Weapons Ban of 2025" which would effectively ban nearly every firearm and create an unlawful registry. **This measure is not only unconstitutional but also represents a backdoor attempt to repeal the Second Amendment.** Our founding principles protect the right to bear arms and, as affirmed by the Heller and Bruen decisions, secure the right to possess firearms for self-defense and any laws affecting the Second Amendment must be rooted in the original intent of the founders.

The framing of the so-called "Assault Weapons Ban" is misleading and deceitful. The firearms Rhode Islanders own are not weapons of war; you will not find them on the battlefield. **I respectfully urge you to stand in defense of our constitutional liberties.**

To further emphasize -- This bill unfairly targets firearms that I, and thousands of others, have legally owned for years for self-defense, sport, and recreation. **It does nothing to address crime while punishing responsible citizens like me.** I urge you to vote against this overreaching legislation and protect our constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

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