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Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

My name is William D. Forte. I am a 3rd generation business owner, a 3rd generation gun owner and a 3rd generation law-abiding Rhode Island citizen. I strongly oppose H-5436, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2025. This bill unfairly targets firearms that I, and generations of others, have legally owned for years for self-defense, sport, and recreation. It does nothing to address the crimes our state and city's face every day, while punishing responsible citizens like me and my family. I urge you to vote against this overreaching legislation and protect our constitutional rights.

Sincerely,

William D. Forte