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Honorable Chairman and Members of the RI House Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to accept H5436 Assault Weapons Ban, and pass it on to the full RI House for consideration.

They say that in the USA there are more guns than there are people. We have heard over and over again the horrible news of children being murdered in their schools by unhinged individuals with high-magazine firearms. Luckily there have been no such incidents in Rhode Island -- yet!

I write from my experience as a volunteer in the Jamestown Schools. I work weekly with these wonderful children, teaching them skills and listening to their answers to the problems presented in their curriculum. It would break my heart if some deranged person with a military-type rifle should come into the school and shoot these children to death. I pray that I might have the strength to stand in front of them and take action to disarm such an intruder.

Please make our schools, and all of our towns and cities, safe from this modern scourge.

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