

Chairperson Craven and Members of House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you today to say that I oppose H 7217 which would ban the possession, sale, and transfer of 'assault weapons'.

This bill would ban most semi auto rifles that are used and in possession today.

There are multiple challenges (NY, HI, NJ, MD, UT, IL) to these types of bans at the state and federal levels. With the most recent SCOTUS ruling under Bruen, most of the bans are being found unconstitutional. Passing this act will only cost the state or RI money in court, which we all agree can be put to better use nowadays.

Multiple county sheriffs in IL have refused to uphold the ban citing it is unconstitutional.

In addition, a gun registration is prohibited under RI Gen Law 11-47-41 - Government Firearm Registration prohibited. This bill grandfather's possession of an 'assault weapon' if the owner registers the rifle and pays a \$25 fee. In addition to its being illegal, a registration charging owners \$25 will NOT make the citizens of RI safer. I object to my name and firearm being put in a ledger for anyone to see. I also object to paying a fee because the state requires me to register my rifle.

This is a bad bill and SHOULD NOT be voted out of committee and moved forward to the House floor for a vote.

Respectfully,

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