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Subject: OPPOSE HB5130

Hello Chairman Craven, and House Judiciary Committee Members,

Please Oppose:

HB 5130, and its companion bill, SB 59 - Would require all "crime guns" to be submitted to the ATF for testing and tracing.

This law on its face is way too vague , as it the verbiage "identified by law enforcement as suspected of having been used in a criminal offense." implies the lack of due process.

Practical and Constitutional Concerns

Beyond its illegality under state law, this bill infringes on constitutional rights and disproportionately harms law-abiding citizens. Feature bans like flash hiders (which mitigate, not eliminate, muzzle flash—) or choke tubes (standard on shotguns) serve practical purposes, not criminal ones.

I urge you to oppose these unconstitutional bills. Partisan politics aside, Rhode Islanders deserve representation that respects their rights and the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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