TO: Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Ann Price

RE: Support: H 5436

DATE: March 25, 2025

Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Ann Price and I live in East Providence.

I am writing to urge you to support H 5436 (Knight), which would prohibit the future manufacture, sale, transfer, purchase, and possession of assault weapons, while providing a pathway for current owners of assault weapons to keep the ones they currently have. This bill will reduce the spread of exceptionally deadly, military-style firearms – which are commonplace in public mass shootings – in our communities.

As a mental health professional, mother of graduated Rhode Island public school children, and now grandmother of school-aged children, I urge your support of gun violence prevention for the welfare and survival of our citizens of all ages.

Please pass this common-sense gun safety bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

Ann Price