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Dear Representative Craven and House Judiciary Committee Members,

I am writing about the H-5436 Assault Weapons Ban proposed legislation. **I am against passage of this bill.**

I have been a responsible gun owner for over 40 years. I am a certified safety firearms instructor, and as such, I have taken numerous safety and gun handling courses. I have taught others, including my wife and nieces, how to safely handle and store guns.

H-5436 is a misdirected law that is also unconstitutional. This proposed legislation will ban a wide group of firearms owned by law-abiding citizens and overnight effectively make us felons. It does nothing to address crime on our streets or gang members using guns - that is the real problem that needs to be looked at, not punishing law-abiding citizens.

This bill seeks to ban many semi-automatic shotguns and other firearms used in sports and hunting. When has a sporting shotgun ever been used in a crime in Rhode Island? Many young people and disabled people take part in shooting competitions at ranges around the state. The Olympics have rifle, pistol and shotgun competitions. Shooting guns is a legitimate sport! The Department of Environmental Management obviously thinks so too as they sell [licenses and permits](#) for hunting and use part of the proceeds to fund their programs for the benefit of all Rhode Islanders..

This bill is an attempt by people who oppose and don't understand firearms to impose their will on honest law abiding people. And it won't end here: they will continue to flood our legislature with outrageous bills until something (unconstitutional) passes. And being that we all know these bills banning firearms in Rhode Island are UNCONSTITUTIONAL, passing the bills will lead to lawsuits and wasting taxpayer money to go to court. As the Judiciary Committee chair, you have the power to stop this. Instead, why not explore how to stiffen the laws and penalties against the illegal firearms used on the street. **Do not punish the people already following the laws!!!!**

I hope that you will not allow this bill to pass out of committee. Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

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