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To: Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee.

From: Cathy Pagano

Re: Support: H5436

Date: March 25, 2025

Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Comm.

My name is Cathy Pagano and I live in Narragansett, RI.

I am writing to urge you to support H5436(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 becoming commonplace in public mass shootings in our communities.

I raised 4 kids as a single mother in Wickford in the 80s-90s and nobody needed to worry about these horrific weapons being in our town. Why do we even allow citizens these military weapons? Are they so cowardly that they feel they need to destroy anyone who

isn't like them or who doesn't like them? That's a sign of a sick society. Let's get rid of the weapons and use our resources to provide a living society that includes everyone. And a society that actually gives our kids things to be responsible for.

Please pass this common-sense gun safety bill out of committee and onto the house floor with a recommendation to pass it. We need a moral compass here. What are our values as Americans that go beyond the 2nd amendment? Which wasn't designed to allow these weapons a mass destruction onto our streets.

Respectfully,

Cathy Pagano