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**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** I strongly OPPOSE the following antigun bills: H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891.

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Dear Representative,

Thank you for your time and taking my testimony. I strongly oppose the proposed Assault Weapons Ban. This bill is being pushed as a solution to gun violence, but for law-abiding citizens like myself and family members, it does nothing but strip away our ability to protect ourselves and our families.

I know firsthand what a murder can cause. My older brother was murdered in May 2023 and my niece was shot by a neighbor. It took 3 towns providence, Cranston & Johnston and RI state police to take this psycho out.

family members have been shot at by gangs and thugs in the park several times as we live across st from a park in prov.

At one time or another over the years from my immediate family we have been robbed, vehicles stolen, house broken into, car jacked on Manton ave.

Does anyone know what that feels like when no one is coming to your rescue especially with kids. It's absolutely terrifying. It all happens so fast yet also in slow motion.

As a mother I must do everything in my power to protect my children

These moments change everything I believe in. I realized that no one was coming to save me or my family and I had to take responsibility for my own safety. I decided to buy my first gun only a few yrs ago as my veteran sister explained so much to me went and did my training and purchased my first gun.

This law would take away my ability to do just that. Criminals don't follow gun laws, and banning so-called "assault weapons" only disarms people like me—the very people who need them the most.

gangs and violent criminals continue to terrorize neighborhoods without consequence. There's no quality of life anymore. If the state isn't going to stop them, why should I be denied the right to defend myself?

I urge you to oppose this dangerous and ineffective legislation. My life, and the lives of my family & friends depend on it.

Thank you

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