

I am here today to speak out against HB5436.

This bill is unconstitutional...

- It outlaws almost every commonly used firearm.
- It violates state law by requiring citizens to register their firearms.

And...

- It flies in the face of the Supreme Courts Bruen decision.

Don't believe me it's unconstitutional? Ask Senator Felag. I spoke with him about the senate bill—a carbon copy of this bill—and he openly admitted to me it was unconstitutional.

This is the height of hubris.

Indeed, when I asked the senator what he hoped to accomplish with this bill he said, and I quote, “I want to get rid of machine guns.” Apparently, he's unaware of the fact such firearms are already illegal.

This bill's very title “Assault Weapons Ban” is nothing more than a bugaboo, and the utter absurdity in referring to these firearms as “weapons of war” is only meant to frighten those uneducated in firearms.

This isn't lawmaking, this is activism. It's government overreach run amok. It's a bill based on lies and buttressed by ignorance.

Now I suspect my testimony will fall on deaf ears. And to those I would remind you, you all swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. It was an oath, not a suggestion, not a formality—an oath—to which you swore “so help me God”.

Oaths are taken by those who are held to a higher standard of trust. Law enforcement officers, members of our armed forces, lawyers, doctors(?) all take oaths. And when that oath is broken the public demands, they be held to account.

So, to those who will stand and vote for this bill I say to you—resign. That's what you'd do if you have any self-respect left.