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RE: Support of House Bill H5436

Chairman Craven and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to urge you to support H5436 (Knight) which would prohibit the future manufacture, sale, transfer, purchase, and possession of assault weapons. As a parent of school-aged children in Pawtucket, RI, I ask you to take this tangible action to protect our children and vote this common-sense gun safety bill out of committee and onto the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

According to the Children's Defense Fund's Parent and Child Trends Survey by YouGov, fear of a school shooting is the second most common worry for children between 6 and 17 years old and the third most common for parents. (Source: Children's Defense Fund) We are worried this could happen to us and we beg you to take action before it does. We do not want to join the ranks of the parents of Uvalde, Parkland, Newtown.

Nearly two in every three Rhode Islanders support an Assault Weapons Ban. (Source: The Providence Journal) I am one of them. I want to tuck my children into their beds each and every night and I ask you to do your part in making that happen.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Adler