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**From:** Eric Muller <papapods1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025 4:51 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** 3/26/25 2A hearings;; opposition from an elderly,disabled man. Additional Gun Control bills cited in Body,opposed.

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HB 5443 – Suicide Prevention – Voluntary Firearm Restrictions Act  
HB 5651 – Juvenile Records Access for Firearm Background Checks  
HB 5652 – Weapons – Hate Crime Sentencing Enhancement Restrictions  
HB 5654 – Weapons – Concealed Carry Permit Restrictions for Out-of-State Residents  
HB 5889 – Expungement of Criminal Records – Consideration in Firearm Licensing  
HB 5890 – Weapons – Prohibition on Firearm Possession Under 18  
HB 5891 – Weapons – Felony Conviction Firearm Possession Ban

Thank you for your attention,  
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On Wed, Mar 26, 2025, 4:43 PM Eric Muller <[papapods1@gmail.com](mailto:papapods1@gmail.com)> wrote:

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I write in opposition to the Governors ill conceived legislation ,the result of which would be, removing the ability of we ,the vulnerable voters of Rhode Island the lawful, God-given Right to protect ourselves.The term-limited governor has recieved my thoughts, previously, numerous times,with never even an acknowledgement of the emails. As you legislators are ,by Constitutional definition of powers, the ones who legislate, his non-reply is worth the same as this proposed bill :not a thing of which any consideration need to be given.

I live alone in a more rural area of the state & am a land owner of record, since the 1960s.These endless, incessant attempts to strip 'we the people' of our only chance to protect ourselves grow tedious; I understand, the astroturf group, Moms Against Gun Violence,( a wholly owned subsidiary of Mike Bloomberg,EX-mayor of NYC),is loud,and well funded & connected; I must point out, that in Connecticut, the similar now adopted legislation, IF TOTALLY ENFORCED, would incarcerate vast numbers of Connecticut residents ,who had no choice but to IGNORE the travesty passed by their legislature, ( admittedly, in response to an insane person who massacred a school).

Criminals,by definition,do not obey laws ; this bill will only succeed in disarming those who abide by the law, who would never ,obviously, commit such evil.

You have it in your power to create an entire class of new Rhode Island " paper-felons", those,who, as soon as this travesty were to pass,by doing nothing more than they have done for decades,(some of them, more),merely possessing property they have never used improperly, totally legally most places & Rightfully enumerated in The Constitution of the United States &, the Constitution of The State of Rhode Island,as "necessary to the Defense.. ".

Most ,perhaps ,will ignore it; the police will need to take time from catching Law BREAKERS to arrest those law-ABIDING citizens who only want to defend themselves & their families, maybe,old ladies with bedside revolvers( see Hurricane Katrina, in New Orleans) or,single moms,far from a police protected area,who have no choice, BUT TO protect their kids against home invaders ,who must " equalize " with a gun, illegal or not. Your kids,or grandkids: YOU choose. Wait too long,for overworked,thin-stretched police to arrive ( IF you even get time to dial 911!), & tragedy,if not ,far worse could be the result.

I'm an old man; my kids are grown & gone.The delivery of my groceries by people, most of which don't even speak English can give me pause to reflect ; My cane ,at one time,was an effective defense, against large animals,etc; now?

They'd find my bleeding body ,should any one of these deliveries be from a person with ill intent; & I'm not a smaller bodied single mom, with a predator wanting whatever he saw when he delivered her groceries..

My thoughts, probably,as usual, will be dismissed,unheeded; I'll send a copy of them to the local media, & my representatives & pray that you put yourself in the shoes of that single mom of small stature with 2 small kids,at 2AM & some gang banger who thought she was an easy target ,forcing his way in with ill intent. Choose: a 911 call while your kids scream? Or. Taking the chance you can keep those kids alive long enough to let the cops in to arrest you because you protected them. Dont do that to Rhode Island mom's; her defending her kids is NOT gonna cause another school shooting, no matter what the Moms Against tell you( or even any politician trying to leave a name after an undistinguished career,or a cop with political aspirations might)

Thank you for your attention to this.

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