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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 5:48 PM **To:** House Judiciary Committee

**Subject:** am a Rhode Island Resident and I strongly OPPOSE the following antigun bills: H5436,

H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891.

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Dear Representative,

I hope this letter finds you well, though I write it under the most difficult of circumstances. Recently, my family has faced unimaginable tragedy with the loss of my uncle, who was murdered, and the severe injury of my cousin, who was shot. <a href="https://wwmt.com/news/nation-world/man-suspected-of-killing-his-mother-neighbor-in-rhode-island-johnston-cranston-police-chase-guns-firearms-weapons-bullets-ammunition-ammo-shooting-murder-homicide-trespassing?photo=3 It took 100's of cops, Johnston, Cranston and the State police to get this 1 person. How can anyone stand a chance to survive in a situation like this.

My family has been shot at as on several occasions as we live across the street from a park in which several people have been murdered in it. Many gangs occupy. Your live flashes by you but also it happens in slow motion. Terribly scary especially when takes cops what seems like forever to get to you.

These events have shaken us to our core, and we are still grappling with the pain and the trauma they have left behind.

In light of these events, I feel compelled to address an important issue that has become even more relevant to us during this trying time: the right to keep and bear arms as protected by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The right to defend oneself and one's family has never felt more urgent, and while our family continues to mourn, we remain steadfast in our belief that these rights must be preserved for all law-abiding citizens.

The ability to protect oneself from harm, whether from an individual or a larger threat, is something that must remain a fundamental right. We believe that any efforts to infringe upon the Second Amendment would only leave families like mine more vulnerable in situations where they have no means of self-defense. As we reflect on our personal tragedy, it is clear that security and protection, including the right to bear arms, are critical in maintaining safety within our communities.

I urge you to consider the importance of preserving these rights, particularly in the face of the growing concerns about violence and public safety. No family should have to endure what we have experienced, and we must be able to defend ourselves as we see fit, within the boundaries of the law.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I ask that you consider these sentiments and the tragic impact such events can have on a family when making decisions that affect our rights.

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