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A woman's perspective regarding H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891.

My name is Lorraine Schofield and my husband and I have lived in RI our entire lives. We raised a family here. We are competition shooters and minor collectors of firearms many of which are family heirlooms that are semiautomatic. We enjoy our firearms as a sport just like golf or bowling are enjoyed as sport. We compete with semiautomatic firearms. We are NOT the people you should be targeting with gun control. BUT we ARE the people this "assault weapons ban" will harm. Only law-abiding gun owners respect firearm laws. Criminals do not.

RI already has very strict gun control laws in place which include passing a test to obtain a handgun safety permit before purchase, BOTH mandatory federal and state background checks and a seven day waiting period before taking possession. Do you think criminals follow these rules?

According to the latest information (2022) from The John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, RI has the LOWEST per capita gun deaths in the entire United States (<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/rhode-island>). Instead of celebrating this accomplishment our legislature wants to put more burdensome feel good gun control on the backs of law abiding citizens. And please do not forget that gun registration as it is proposed in these bills is already illegal in the RI Constitution. Please oppose these unnecessary bills.

Sincerely,

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