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Dear Chairman Craven and House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Marie Carpinelli, a law-abiding Rhode Island citizen and gun owner. I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed ban on assault weapons. As a concerned citizen and a supporter of the Second Amendment, I believe such a ban would be a grave infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families.

I strongly oppose H-5436, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2025. This bill unfairly targets firearms that I, and thousands of others, have legally owned for years for self-defense, sports, and recreation. I find it does nothing to address crime while punishing responsible citizens like me.

**I urge you to vote against this overreaching legislation and protect our constitutional rights.**

Here's why I oppose this ban:

- **The Right to Self-Defense:**

The Second Amendment guarantees the right to bear arms, and this right is essential for self-defense and the protection of our communities. This is not just for home protection; this is for protection when we are out in the wild, or helping in a search and rescue, or after a catastrophic event.

- **No Legitimate Sporting Purpose:**

The term "assault weapon" is often used to describe firearms that are not different from those used for hunting and sport.

- **The Ban is Unnecessary:**

We should focus on addressing the root causes of gun violence rather than infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

- **The Ban is Unconstitutional:**

**\*\* MOST IMPORTANTLY \*\*** The Second Amendment is a fundamental right, and it should not be infringed upon.

I urge you to oppose any legislation that would ban assault weapons. Let us work together to find solutions that protect our communities while upholding the rights of all citizens.

Sincerely,  
Marie Carpinelli  
Cranston, RI