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Dear Representative,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed Assault Weapons Ban. This bill is being pushed as a solution to gun violence, but for law-abiding citizens like me, it does nothing but strip away our ability to protect ourselves and our families.

I know firsthand what it means to be a victim of violence. My **brother was murdered**, and my **niece was shot by a peeping Tom. A yr and 1/2 ago <https://www.wpri.com/news/local-news/northwest/johnston-little-leaguers-mourn-loss-of-beloved-coach/amp/> it took 3 towns providence, Cranston & Johnston to take this crazy man down

I was **shot at by gang members** near my home—right across from a park. That moment changed everything for me. I realized that no one was coming to save me, and I had to take responsibility for my own safety. That's when I decided to buy my first gun.

I am a veteran and a mother—I have served my country, and I will do everything in my power to protect my children. This law would take away my ability to do just that. Criminals don't follow gun laws, and banning so-called "assault weapons" only disarms people like me—the very people who need them the most.

I am fairly new to the Rhode Island gun community, but I have already seen how many responsible gun owners are being unfairly targeted by these policies. Meanwhile, gangs and violent criminals continue to terrorize neighborhoods without consequence. If the state isn't going to stop them, why should I be denied the right to defend myself?

I urge you to oppose this dangerous and ineffective legislation. My life, and the lives of my family, depend on it.

Sincerely,

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