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Dear Chairman Craven and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Stephanie Calise, a resident of Glocester, RI and I am writing to express my strong opposition to H5436, the "Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025." This bill represents a direct infringement on the constitutional rights of Rhode Islanders as protected under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. I urge you to stand against this legislation and any similar efforts that seek to erode the fundamental right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

The Second Amendment clearly states that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Any attempt to ban commonly owned firearms undermines this foundational principle and sets a dangerous precedent for government overreach. Firearms classified under this bill as "assault weapons" are lawfully owned and responsibly used by countless Rhode Islanders for self-defense, sporting, and other legal purposes.

Moreover, studies have consistently shown that banning so-called "assault weapons" has little to no impact on reducing violent crime. Criminals, by definition, do not abide by gun laws, leaving law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage when their ability to defend themselves and their families is restricted. Instead of imposing unconstitutional bans, our focus should be on enforcing existing laws and addressing the root causes of crime.

I respectfully ask that you uphold your oath to the Constitution and reject H5436. Rhode Islanders deserve policies that respect their rights and promote real public safety solutions, not legislation that criminalizes responsible gun owners. Please vote against this bill and any future efforts to diminish the rights of the people you were elected to serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing you stand in defense of our constitutional liberties.

Sincerely,  
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