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opposition to the following bills: H5436, H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891

Studies prove that increasingly strict gun-control laws HAVE NOT been shown to reduce gun crime, and in several places have led to an increase in crime. Examples are New Jersey, Hawaii, and Washington, DC:

New Jersey adopted what was described as the "most stringent gun law in America" in 1966, and 2 years later the homicide rate had increased 46% and armed robbery rate had doubled.

After Hawaii adopted a series of increasingly restrictive measures on guns, its murder rate tripled from 2.4 per 100,000 in 1968 to 7.2 in 1977.

The District of Columbia enacted one of the most restrictive gun-control laws in the country, and the murder rate has increased 134% at the same time that the national murder rate decreased by 2%.

This all in the National Center for Policy Analysis. [www.ncoa.org/pub/st/st176/s176c.html](http://www.ncoa.org/pub/st/st176/s176c.html)

There are so many statistics to support the case for not allowing these new gun control laws that I could write on it all day. Please do not turn our state of RI into one of these examples that make us less safe.

Thank you

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