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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing you to voice my opposition to the Ban on Assault Weapons Bill or 5436.

First: The Bill is an infringement on my Second Amendment Rights.

Second: Again, our State Constitution, says, "The Rights of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Third: From Rhode Island State Law: No Government agency of this state or its political subdivisions shall keep or cause to be kept any list or register of privately owned firearms or any list or register of the owners of those firearms.

Fourth: Gun ownership is not a privilege, but a God given right.

Fifth: This new infringement directly parallels the antisemitic trends of Europe and the past persecution of the Jews in Germany starting in 1933 with taking all guns away from Jewish Germans and then revoking their citizenship resulting in the death of 5.5 million Jews.

This proposed Bill 5436 was not the brainchild of any Rhode Island legislator but of a national propaganda organization of well-funded individuals who hate the Constitution, the Second Amendment and free citizens.

Will you legislators vote to turn your neighbors into felons? Are you legislators fueled with false propaganda of a very trendy hate group ready to violate your oath to our State Constitution and State Laws? That's exactly what Hitler did in 1933.

Ignorance has always been a killer. I encourage you to foster gun safety education in schools to save lives. To invest in the creation of sound and consistent mental health programs, and to train Police and Police chiefs in handling of critical situations.

Sincerely, Winthrop B. Reed, Jr.