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House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Douglas McCusker, a retired USAF MSgt, a law-abiding Rhode Island citizen, gun owner, and this is my **TESTIMONY:**

I strongly OPPOSE House Bills 5130 SubA, 5436, and 5436 Sub A. These bills unfairly target firearms that I, and thousands of others, have legally owned for years for self-defense, sport, and recreation. They do absolutely nothing to address crime while punishing responsible citizens like me. In fact, no current (or future) 'gun control' measure has or will impact crime or protect innocent citizens. Criminals don't respect our laws...that's why they're criminals in the first place. Law-abiding citizens do respect our laws (I'm one of them) and are ALWAYS negatively impacted as our fundamental, Constitutional right to '...keep and bear arms...' continues to be trampled upon by these reprehensible, un-Constitutional laws.

The right to KEEP AND BEARS ARMS is our SECOND (not SECOND-CLASS) AMENDMENT granted by our Creator and PROTECTED by our Constitution. Those brave Rhode Islanders who came before us stood up to tyranny...today, we Rhode Islanders are opposing the similar tyranny contained within these House Bills. Be brave and reject this tyranny.

Focus on the criminals instead, and PROTECT law-abiding citizens by honoring their CHOICE, FREEDOM, AND RIGHT to own firearms of their choosing.

I STRONGLY urge you to **vote against these overreaching bills and protect our constitutional rights.**

Sincerely,

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