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House Committee on Judiciary
State of Rhode Island General Assembly

Testimony Opposing *H 5436 SUBSTITUTE A*

Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

I'm a lifelong Rhode Islander who has been shooting for the past 63 years, and have had my own rifle for the past 60 years. I am also a certified NRA firearms instructor who has spent the last four years volunteering at free events teaching the safe use and handling of firearms.

I'm writing to ask that you vote against *H 5436 SUBSTITUTE A*, the (*Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025*), because I believe it is a solution in search of a problem.

I have two reasons for believing that to be true. The first is that over the past six years in Rhode Island, rifles have been responsible for less than a handful of firearms deaths.

Secondly it is highly unlikely that the features on any firearm like pistol grip, telescoping stock, flash suppressor, threaded barrel, etc... will result in it being used to commit a crime.

I understand that we do have some violent crimes committed by some people using firearms but that isn't a "firearms" problem, it is a "people" problem. You've found the problem, and now you need to find an effective solution to that problem. *It won't be found by banning certain firearms.*

Please vote *against H 5436 SUBSTITUTE A*.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion. Have a great day!

Yours truly,

Emily Trott