

Roberta DiMezza

From: Marshall Sullivan <marshall.sullivan@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:00 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Cc: Rep. Craven, Robert E.; Rep. McEntee, Carol Hagan; Rep. Knight, Jason; Rep. Ajello, Edith H.; Rep. Batista, Jose F.; Rep. Bennett, David A.; Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Corvese, Arthur J.; Rep. Cruz, Cherie L.; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.; Rep. Felix, Leonela; Rep. Hopkins, Marie A.; Rep. Noret, Thomas E.; Rep. Place, David J.
Subject: Assault Weapon Ban HB5436-A

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hello,

As a Rhode Island gun owner and voter, I am writing to encourage you to vote NO on HB5436 when it goes to the floor for a vote on June 3rd. The semi-automatic firearms that this bill aims to ban are used by law-abiding citizens for a variety of lawful purposes, including self defense and target shooting.

In the SCOTUS case of Heller, the Court determined that the Second Amendment protects weapons that are in "common use" by law-abiding citizens - this includes all instruments that constitute bearable "Arms", even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding of the Second Amendment. In addition, the Bruen case determined that it is not the government that should decide what "Arms" cover an individual's conduct, instead, once the individual makes that showing, the Constitution protects his/her conduct and the government must prove their restrictions fall in line with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. If they fail to do so, any restrictions imposed must be deemed unconstitutional.

If this bill were to pass and get signed into law, this will most certainly be challenged at the Supreme Court. It does not matter what changes this bill undergoes, the goal is still the same: to ban the lawful possession of semi-automatic rifles/shotguns/pistols despite them being in common use for lawful purposes and are "Arms" protected under the pretext of the Second Amendment. This bill violates the RI and US Constitutions. There can be no compromise regarding the Second Amendment. Please vote NO on HB5436 when it gets brought to a vote on June 3rd. Me and the 150k+ gun owners in the State are paying close attention to whomever votes for or against this piece of legislation.

Thank you,
Marshall Sullivan