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Dear House Judiciary,

It has come to our attention that 5436 has had several amendments and will be brought to a vote this upcoming Tuesday. You can make all the changes you see fit with this bill, but the goal still remains the same: to ban the lawful purchasing of semi-automatic rifles/shotguns/pistols towards the law-abiding citizens here in the Ocean State. This is still a violation of the RI and US Constitution, therefore it should be labeled as infringement.

Please do not let this bill pass, it's only going to unfairly target the lawful gun owners of the State and create an underground market for firearms that criminals are most definitely going to exploit. In addition, the introduction of optional registration but then needing to provide proof of firearm possession prior to the new deadline of July 1st 2026, creates legal challenges that I don't believe were considered.

Nevertheless, the passage of this bill will hurt the firearm business here in the State and will no longer generate the generous revenue that the State benefits from. Women and marginalized communities will no longer be able to defend themselves with reliable firearms like the AR-15. And overall, this is a waste of time, money, and resources that could've been redirected to more pressing matters that currently plague Rhode Island.

We will be paying attention to whomever votes Yes on this bill, and we will vote you out of power. Rhode Island is still considered one of the safest states to live in the country and has low gun crime rates, there is no need for a bill like this to pass yet gun control legislation continues to be introduced year after year. Please consider other avenues that will help reduce gun violence and its root causes, instead of punishing the law-abiding Rhode Islanders who only wish to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights.

Thank you,
Marshall Sullivan