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Dear House Judiciary,

I am writing to strongly urge you to **vote NO on H5436A**, the revised version of the proposed assault weapons ban.

This bill, in any form, is a clear **violation of the Second Amendment**. It targets law-abiding citizens who have committed no crimes, placing unconstitutional restrictions on their ability to own commonly used firearms for self-defense and sporting purposes. These firearms are protected under the U.S. Supreme Court's interpretation of the Second Amendment in cases like *Heller* and *Bruen*.

To make matters worse, the revised bill is being advanced **without any public testimony**, despite significant changes. This lack of transparency is deeply concerning and undermines the public's trust in the legislative process. Over **1,000 Rhode Islanders submitted testimony against the original version**, with only a small fraction in support. That overwhelming opposition will not change simply because the language has been slightly revised.

Furthermore, **dozens of towns across Rhode Island have passed resolutions opposing this legislation**. Our local leaders and citizens have made their position clear: this bill is unwanted, unnecessary, and unconstitutional.

I ask that you stand for our rights, uphold the Constitution, and vote **NO on H5436A**. The people of Rhode Island are watching — and we expect to be heard, not ignored.

Sincerely,

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