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Hello, I am writing you again to oppose the AWB Bill H5436 Sub A

At a time when the Legislature is grappling with the task of balancing a state budget that is millions of dollars in deficit, Rhode Islanders are facing collapsing bridges, failing health care systems, data breaches, and are struggling to pay their electric bills. Why is our legislature focusing on the Assault Weapons ban?

This ban will cost 1200 jobs in retail, manufacturing, and ancillary businesses.

With 90% of firearms being affected by the ALL Weapons Ban. How is the state going to recoup the \$394,288,100.00 cut in revenue from gun stores, sporting shops, preserves and manufacturers, and ancillary industries?

In 2023 Rhode Island was 2nd in the country in Economic output, Job growth, and Excise tax.

Manufacturing for the firearms industry has increased 42% in Rhode Island since 2019.

Our Legislators are just going to throw this revenue and jobs away for out-of-state interests and a bunch of elitists who don't have a clue about safety!

Please oppose this bill!

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