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### **Please do not support the assault weapons ban.**

Center for Disease Control statistics show that far more violent crimes are stopped by legally armed citizens than by police. The Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025 severely limits the firearms that citizens can own for self-defense. It will not deter criminals who commit most violent crimes.

FBI statistics show violent crime is declining while public ownership of firearms is rising. There is a case to be made that this is cause and effect.

Credible studies of assault weapons bans, whether national or by states, offer no proof that they have been effective in reducing homicides or other violent crimes.

The Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025 is based on emotion-driven falsehoods, not facts. It only makes it more difficult for good people to defend themselves and their loved ones.

### **Please do not support the AWB.**

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