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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to oppose Bill H-5436. This legislation is not only misguided—it risks undermining the rights of responsible Rhode Islanders without delivering the safety it promises.

This bill does little to deter crime, because criminals by definition do not follow the law. Instead, it targets law-abiding citizens based solely on the appearance of certain firearms—an approach that is both arbitrary and ineffective. We should focus on real solutions that address the root causes of violence, not cosmetic features that have no bearing on public safety.

For generations, Rhode Islanders have stood against overreach and cherished their freedoms. I ask you to uphold that legacy and vote against this bill. Let us continue to protect both the rights and the safety of our communities with wisdom, not fear.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Evan
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