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The only people affected by this ban will be the 160,000 plus law abiding, tax paying gun owners in our state. Some are hunters but most are sport shooters and collectors like me. It would have no effect on law enforcement and crime reduction. Obviously criminals will not be turning in their illegal firearms, with or without legislation. And how many deranged mass shootings have we had in Rhode Island? It makes no sense. Efforts are better served by focusing on those that would do us harm; not law abiding citizens.

So why legislation directed solely against constitutionally guaranteed, law abiding citizens? Again, the only people affected under HB-5436 would be the thousands of tax paying, law abiding Rhode Islanders wishing to be left alone from government overreach.

This ban would be detrimental to many equipment suppliers, gun smiths and gun range businesses that pay state taxes and employ folks in the state. Most importantly, it deprives thousands of their 2nd amendment rights under our constitution.

HB 5436 proposes the exact opposite of recent executive orders, reaffirming second amendment rights for all law abiding citizens. This amendment was created to provide citizenry a means to protect against tyrannical government. With this in mind I have written the Whitehouse, urging their assistance in the elimination of all infringements and constitutional rights restored for all law abiding Rhode Islanders.

HB-5436; this miss-targeted, unconstitutional bill, must be defeated. Common sense, good and fair governance must prevail for all law abiding Rhode Islanders. Political motivations must not be allowed to override citizen rights.

Regards,

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