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Chairman Craven and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I hope this message finds you all well and I would like to let you know that I appreciate your service in our legislature and I also appreciate your willingness to listen to the people of the state on matters of importance, such as these, through the hearing process.

That said, my reason for writing to you today is to voice my hope that you will establish a sensible view towards our second amendment rights as your scheduled hearings approach this week. I find it troubling that our legislative representatives continue to move away from common sense legislation that complies with the Supreme Court mandated Bruen test, instead moving towards reactionary policy that will not reduce crime or enhance public safety. I know that all of us cherish our children and lament the loss of our innocents but many of us also recognize that the problem is not an inert object. I think that Rhode Island currently has a robust legal regime relative to firearm ownership but is perhaps negligent on the enforcement side of the equation for those illegally obtaining and utilizing firearms in the commission of a crime. In short, we have plenty of laws but are lacking in their enforcement. As such, I fully support the enhanced prosecution of those misusing firearms, but I am opposed to any further legislation restricting law abiding citizens from purchasing or possessing any commonly owned firearms or accessories.

Further, as a current independent voter, I will be registering as a Democrat and plan on voting in the next primary cycle, with the vote of my representative on this matter as the key decision point of my vote.

As a resident of our great state, I do appreciate your public service and I hope you will continue to protect our rights as citizens of Rhode Island in line with the Constitutions of our state as well as of our union.

That said I hope you would all considering OPPOSING the following bill:

H5436

Thank you for your consideration.

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