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Mr. President, Ex-Officio, and Committee Members,

House Bill H8073 was just introduced on February 27, 2026 and it's currently in the House Judiciary Committee. It is designed to further demonize peaceful gun owners by expanding the 2025 restrictions into a law that makes simple possession a crime.

The 2025 "assault weapons" ban bill primarily blocked future manufacture, sale, transfer, and purchase of the newly defined "prohibited firearms."

H8073 adds one word "possess" that flips it into a confiscation-style scheme.

In other words, if you legally own one of the banned firearms, the state is now aiming to turn gun owners into a felon for keeping what they already legally own.

Worse, H8073 guts the practical meaning of grandfathering. It only tolerates prior lawful possession until the end of 2026, then forces gun owners to sell to a dealer or get it out of state, or face felony consequences.

That is not "safety." That is state-mandated confiscation of common arms from people who have done nothing wrong.

I respectfully urge the House Judiciary Committee members to vote NO on this bill and stand in defense of our constitutional liberties, as your oath demands.

Sincerely,

Robert Pezzullo

Warwick, RI.

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