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Support For H-7051 Testimony

Hello,

My name is Judith Dauphinee. I live in the Meshanticut area of Cranston. My husband and I live on Curtis street, two streets away from the Cranston Police Training Facility on Phoenix Avenue. My husband and I bought our house in 1997. So that would be over 27 years we have lived in our home.

At the time when contemplating purchasing this particular home, we were concerned with the traffic from the next street over, Metropolitan Avenue as our children were young. Metropolitan Avenue is where the brunt of the exiting traffic from Cranston West High School comes from. With two young children our concerns were the speeding and volume of cars. Turns out it was nothing of great concern at that time. The gun range was also not an issue of concern as the noise at that time was not like it is currently. We would be never have bought a home there if that was the case. Today, it sounds like a war zone at times. What really is concern though is the children who are attending schools across the street from this training facility. No child should be in an educational setting or in their backyard and have the sound of gunfire coming in their direction. This is not only distracting for the lessons learned but it is also desensitizing these children to the sounds of gunfire. If an “active shooter” which these children participate in drills to prepare for against, were in the building and was actively shooting, it would take minutes for reality to

surface. The rounds of practice gunfire would be similar to the rounds of an active shooter. Many children would die before reality would set in. Let's stop desensitizing these kids. This training facility does not belong across the street from schools. This training faculty does not belong in a residential area. It belongs in a military base. Let it be also most importantly be noted that Brown University did a study on the harmful effects of gunfire and it was noted that this was harmful physically. Other doctors have stated this harmful mentally. When are we going to protect the children. When? We are not asking for guns to be taken away. We are asking that the children be protected. Do the right thing and please have this training facility moved to another area. I fully support bill H-7051.

Sincerely,

Judith Dauphinee

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