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To General Assembly and House Judiciary Administrator

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I am writing to state my opposition to House bill H7051

House Bill No. [7051](#)

BY Potter, Boylan, Tanzi, Batista, Donovan, Caldwell, Cruz, Fogarty, McGaw, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits the operation of an outdoor gun range within one mile or closer of any kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) schools.)
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This bill has been introduced each year, and to say it is absurd, is an understatement. Many private and POLICE ranges in this state were in existence long before schools were built nearby. Most activities taking place on these ranges, occur on weekends. I attended Cranston West before there was a Western Hills school with Cranston West being in close proximity to the CPD shooting ranges. We heard the police practice at the range, and it was NEVER an issue.

If having a school near a range was so dangerous or threatening to children, then why have so many cities and towns built schools within close proximity to shooting ranges?

Many of the private clubs allow local police departments to use their ranges, which helps cities and towns by them not having to budget for a dedicated police range that may only be used a few times a year.

This bill is just another attempt to shut down legal shooting ranges in the state using a poor excuse. Shutting down safe ranges in the state, could cause reckless people to go out and use random wooded areas as their own unsafe ranges. The police need these ranges for training and law-abiding citizens need them to safely practice our shooting sports with family and friends.

Thank you,

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