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My name is Patricia Schoeninger, I am writing you today to support the Bill H-7051 to Ban Outdoor Shooting Ranges less than one mile from Schools.

I am a resident of Cranston and have lived in my home for 46 years, I live .3 miles from the Cranston Police Training Academy which operates an Outdoor Shooting Range.

My Children attended, George Peters Elementary, Western Hills Middle School, Cranston West High School were they both graduated, my daughter in 1994 and my son in 1999, these schools are less than a mile form the Outdoor Shooting Range.

At the time my children were attending these schools they were never exposed to the barage of Gunfire from Semi-Automatic Handguns and AR'15 Rifles that the children who are attending these schools in the present time are hearing now.

I am submitting a video that I took at Cranston West Athletic Field during School Hours.
There are children practicing Football and walking the Track with the sounds of Gunfire echoing across the field.

You can view the video here:
<https://bit.ly/football-field-gunfire>

This video confirmed to me what children attending this school have been telling me:
If there was an Active Shooter Attack at their school they would **not react** as they should, they have learned to ignore the sound of Gunfire, it is White Noise to them, and there lives would be in a dangerous situation.

There has been numerous testimony from Doctors at City Council Meetings, Local Newspapers, National News with an article in the NY Times, describing the harmful affects the sound of Gunfire has on the Mental, Emotional, and Physical Health of People.

Brown University School of Public Health Community Noise lab study which data showed the decibel levels of Gunfire in my community where these schools are located is above the City of Cranston Noise Ordinance in a Residential Area.

Time is of the essence concerning this issue, I am asking the Committee Members to take Action and pass this Bill H-7051

No Child should ever be subjected to hearing Gunfire in their School Environment.

Thank You
Patricia Schoeninger