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SUPPORT: H-7051 Prohibits outdoor shooting ranges within one mile of a K-12 school

As a former teacher of 31 years, I find it appalling that our Cranston middle and high school students must listen to, at close range, the sound of gun fire while trying to learn and exercise in and outside their schools.

This forced de-sensitization leaves them vulnerable in the event of a real firearms incident.

As a former US Marine, serving in Viet Nam, I know the extreme tension and fear resulting from gunfire, especially semi-automatic and automatic gunfire. There is a good reason for this. The body reacts to protect itself from extreme harm. Just as the sound of a rattlesnake elicits an immediate reaction.

Let's stop de-sensitizing our youth. They need to be prepared for all things in life, especially life-threatening situations.

Place yourselves in your work and home environment where you are exposed to the sound of automatic gunfire from military grade weapons at any time of day. How ready would you be to learn or relax?

Please support and urge leadership to bring this to a floor vote.

Thank you,

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