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The Honorable Robert E. Craven, Sr.
Chairman
House Committee on Judiciary
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: H 7216 An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses – Weapons

Dear Chairman Craven,

As you may recall, the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) provided written testimony dated February 27, 2024, regarding H 7216. In our testimony, we requested that the legislation be amended to exempt firearms seized because of hunting violations from the requirements introduced in the bill. Upon further study, and after conversations with the House and Senate sponsors of the legislation, we would like to withdraw our request for an amendment to the legislation. Based on the information that has been provided to DEM, we feel comfortable that the requirements in the bill would not be overly burdensome or interfere with our ability to return seized firearms in timely fashion.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on this legislation and would be pleased to make ourselves available as needed. Please feel free to contact Ryan Mulcahey, DEM Director of Legislative Affairs, at ryan.mulcahey@dem.ri.gov should you have any additional questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terrence Gray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terrence Gray, P.E.
Director

cc: Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Jennifer Boylan
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House
Lynne Urbani, House Policy Director