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Sincerely,

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From: Aurise Carden <aurisecarden@gmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 12:29 PM To: **House Judiciary Committee** Subject: Why Don't We Want To Protect Our People From Guns? **Follow Up Flag:** Follow up Flag Status: Completed Eugenie Aurise Carden 3600 Diamond Hill Rd Cumberland, RI 02864 March 5, 2024 RE: Support of House Bills H7373 and H7217 Chairman Craven and Members of the House Judiciary: My name is E Aurise Carden, I live in Cumberland and my Representative is Alex Marszalkowski. I am a volunteer with the RICAGV. I'm here in support of Rep. Caldwell's secure storage bill,7373,and Rep. Knight's assault weapon ban,7217. Gun violence is the #1 killer of children and teens in our country and that is unacceptable. The US hs a gun homicide rate that is 26 times higher than the rate of other high-income countries. Closer to home my neighbor is caring for the orphan teens whose parents were killed in a murder several years ago not more than a mile from here- the second murder suicide in my middle class neighborhood since I've lived here that I know about. My heart breaks everytime I see them -it should never have happened -how can unstable people be allowed to posses guns? We've learned to wear seat belts -we can learn how to store guns and enforce red flags laws. Finally, really who needs an assault rifle, a weapon of war? In advance, I deeply appreciate your attention to this matter.