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House Judiciary Committee Members:

I am writing to you today to ask you to bring to the floor for a vote two important gun safety bills:

H 7373 to require all firearms to be stored securely and

H 7217 to prohibit the future manufacture, sale, transfer, purchase, and possession of assault weapons, with a pathway for current owners to keep the ones they currently have.

These two bills have been requested for much too long by the citizens of Rhode Island. As members of the House Judiciary, your job is to do the will of the people by making sure that the bills Rhode Islanders have wanted passed for years actually get OUT of committee and onto the floor for an up or down vote.

Legislators are there to debate bills, listen to their constituents and VOTE but they can't do their job if you don't do yours by moving these bills along so that Rhode Islanders can actually SEE how their legislators will vote. I personally think they are AFRAID of the gun lobby and do not want to be outed to those who voted them into power.

Do your job. Voters are paying attention.

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