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To: Roberta DiMazza, Committee Clerk

Pease forward the below letter to the appropriate individuals.

Thank you.

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March 5, 2024

RE: Support of House Bills H7373 and H7217

Chairman Craven and Members of the House Judiciary:

My name is Joann Sullivan, I live in Cranston, RI and my Representative is Brando Potter. I am a volunteer with the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence.

I'm here in support of Rep. Caldwell's secure storage bill, 7373, and Rep. Knight's assault weapons ban, 7217.

This is very important to me because I have friends who have been personally impacted by gun violence and the grief and sadness is unbearable. I also have had children in the school system and I feel the security at schools is not

helping at preventing these shootings. There are too many unnecessary deaths and something needs to be done.

+ **Gun violence is a public health epidemic in the US.** No other developed country lives like we do, in fear of gun violence in our malls, movie theaters, places of worship, schools, restaurants and more.

+ Research shows that states with stricter gun laws have lower levels of gun violence, and we must be doing all we can to keep our families and communities safe.

+ Gun violence is the #1 killer of children and teens in our country and that is beyond unacceptable.

+ If more guns made us safer, we'd be the safest country in the world. Instead the US has a gun homicide rate that is 26 times higher than that of other high-income countries.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. We know the majority of Rhode Islanders and the majority of legislators support these life saving bills. It is time to vote these bills out of committee and send them to the floor.

Sincerely,

Joann Sullivan