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TO: Chair Craven and House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Susan E. Morettini
RE: Support: H 7373 Secure Storage
Support: H 7217 Assault Weapons Ban
DATE: March 6, 2024

My name is Susan E. Morettini. I live in Bristol and my representative is Rep. June Speakman. I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action.

I am writing to urge you to support common-sense gun safety bills that will make all Rhode Islanders safer. So far this year, leaders from faith, education, health and union worker communities across RI have come to the State House to not only express their support for both gun safety bills, but to demand that these bills be heard in judiciary and then released to the floor for a vote. These constituents join more than 70% of Rhode Islanders who want a ban on assault weapons and secure storage of guns to be a requirement for all gun owners. (<https://bostonglobe.com> June 6, 2023)

As a volunteer for Moms Demand Action, I have had many conversations with parents fearing for their children's safety, women afraid of abusive boyfriends or husbands, and teachers worried about the next school shooting. I have also talked with gun owners who are adamant in their support of secure storage and the need to ban military style assault weapons from civilian use.

Gun violence is a health emergency affecting all Americans. The trauma of gun violence is immeasurable, especially since it has become the leading cause of childhood deaths. (<https://www.cdc.gov> Nov 6, 2023) Whole communities are left with gaping wounds that even time can't heal.

The time for proactive measures to prevent the cycle of gun violence from continuing is now.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Morettini