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We are writing in regards to our opposition to House Bill H7217, before we begin we would like to state the following:

Never in our lives have we ever felt more unsafe, living in the state of Rhode Island, or living in what used to be the United States of America.

We have been convinced since 2020 after watching the BLM riots with cities burning and police all over the USA including Rhode Island being told to stand down and watch it happen and do nothing, that we are responsible for our safety now.

We are now in full understanding of what is going after watching Joe Biden's Administration locks gates open at the border and allow unvetted illegal aliens into our country from hundreds of other countries that have terrorist ties.

This is an invasion that is being carefully orchestrated by people who hate this country and mean us harm, some in our own government apparently in partnership with Mexican drug cartels (sure looks like it), engaging in human trafficking.

The most recent Countries of Particular Concern designations were made by the Secretary of State on December 29, 2023: Burma, People's Republic of China, Cuba, Eritrea, Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. **(They all come in totally unvetted now due to volume and it is being done ON PURPOSE).**

Thankfully the founders of this nation saw these tyrants and evil people coming. This is exactly why we have the 2nd Amendment and Article 1 Section 22 of the Rhode Island Constitution which is very clear.

Article 1 Section 22. Right to bear arms.

The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

This is all on top of the SCOTUS Bruen ruling and Heller decisions forbidding bans like this.

Heller Decision: *Heller* established the constitutional test to determine what arms are protected by the Second Amendment.

After examining the text of the Second Amendment, as illuminated by history, *Heller* determined that bearable arms that are “**in common use**” today are constitutionally protected and cannot be banned.

Bruen decision: The 6-3 ruling, written by Justice Clarence Thomas, is the court’s first significant decision on gun rights in over a decade. In a far-reaching ruling, the court made clear that the Second Amendment’s guarantee of the right “to keep and bear arms” protects a broad right to carry a handgun outside the home for self-defense.

Going forward, Thomas explained, courts should uphold gun restrictions only if there is a tradition of such regulation in U.S. history.

What part of shall not be infringed don't we understand? Stop thumbing your nose at SCOTUS!

Please oppose House Bill H7217.

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