



TO: House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Emma Newbery and Stephanie Hague on behalf of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island

DATE: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

RE: Testimony in support of **H-7373**

Dear Chairman Craven and Committee Members,

**The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island strongly supports H-7373**, which would require safe storage of firearms, provide civil and criminal penalties for violations, add rifles and shotguns to the types of firearms requiring a trigger lock to be included with purchase, and require firearms dealers post signs regarding safe storage.

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island serves to enrich the quality of life for the approximately 20,000 Jews in Rhode Island and is committed to translating Jewish tradition and values into action. All our work is guided by our core values, including *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world, and *m'Dor l'Dor*, securing a future filled with Jewish tradition and heritage for generations to come. As our halls bustle with families and young children each morning and young adults after school, we think about what it means to secure a safe and peaceful future for the children in our community—an environment in which they can flourish and grow, both in our educational facilities, through our community resources, and with the lessons they bring home with them at the end of each day. Our commitment to the future generations of our people undergirds our fervent support for the safe storage of legal firearms that will ensure safer home environments for all, in our community and beyond. The Jewish community is committed to supporting all Rhode Islanders in their pursuit of a fulfilling, healthy, and successful life, and this bill would support a safer and more peaceful Rhode Island for everyone.

Thank you,

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