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Subject: OPPOSE HB 5069 - CCW Restrictions

Hello Chairman Craven, and House Judiciary Committee Members,

Please Oppose:

HB 5069 - Limits acceptable reasons for a person to request/apply for a concealed carry license.

This would be illegal : R.I.G.L. § 11-47-11 allows Rhode Islanders to apply for a concealed carry permit from local licensing authorities (frequently these are your local police departments) and provides that these municipal licensing authorities “shall issue” a permit to qualified, suitable applicants who are at least 21 years old and either reside or have their place of business in the city or town, or reside within the United States and have a license or permit issued by any other state or subdivision within the United States. Under this statute, and case law interpreting it, local law enforcement cannot require a showing of need as part of the application to obtain a permit. See *Gadomski v. Tavares*, 113 A.3d 387, 392 (R.I. 2015).

I urge you to oppose these unconstitutional bills. Partisan politics aside, Rhode Islanders deserve representation that respects their rights and the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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