

Chairperson Craven and Members of House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 6042, which would add officers or employees of the United States authorized by law to carry a concealed firearm to the category of persons exempt from certain state laws regarding licenses, permits, and certificates needed to carry a pistol or revolver, whether visible or concealed.

I believe that if Rhode Island citizens are required to apply for a concealed carry permit (CCW), then all U.S. government employees, including law enforcement and other government personnel, should also be required to apply and undergo the same vetting process. If Rhode Island residents must meet specific criteria to carry a concealed firearm, it is only fair and just that government employees be held to the same standards.

I urge you to vote *no* on this bill so that it will not advance to the House floor for a vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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