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To: Rep. Lombardi, John J.; Rep. Hull, Raymond A.; Rep. Leonidas Sanchez; Rep. Cherie Cruz; Rep. Jennifer Stewart; Rep. Justine Caldwell; Sen. Bridget Valverde; House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H7133 — Domestic Abuse — Firearm Surrender

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Dear Rep. Justine Caldwell and Sen. Bridget Valverde,

As a constituent and resident of East Greenwich, I am writing to express my opposition to RI 2026 H7133, the "Domestic Abuse — Firearm Surrender" bill. I strongly believe that this bill, although well-intentioned, will have unintended consequences for law-abiding Rhode Island residents.

My primary concern is that this bill may lead to the unjust deprivation of firearms from individuals who are not a threat to others. Additionally, the bill's requirements for firearm surrender may place an undue burden on respondents, potentially leading to increased court costs and delays. Furthermore, I worry that this bill may not adequately address the root causes of domestic abuse, instead focusing solely on the symptom of firearm ownership. In our community, I've seen firsthand the importance of addressing domestic violence through comprehensive support services and education, rather than just restricting access to firearms.

I urge you to vote against H7133. Thank you for your time and service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich, RI