



March 12, 2026

The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Written Testimony to Support 2026 – H8080

Chair McEntee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Michelle Loranger, and I submit this written testimony as the Executive Director of Day One.

Day One has the honor to serve as Rhode Island's Sexual Assault Coalition and the RI Children's Network – State Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs). Day One supports survivors across the full spectrum of interpersonal violence. For decades, Day One has provided acute response to victims and survivors through our 24-hour Helpline and crisis response services. Through this work, we see every day the close correlation between all forms of interpersonal and intimate partner violence. These patterns of harm do not occur in isolation, and children are often silent witnesses to this trauma.

Day One also delivers the national best-practice response for children who witness violence through our multidisciplinary team (MDT) coordination and Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) model. Our forensic interviewers have spoken with countless children who have watched a parent or caregiver be harmed, beaten, or even killed. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) research clearly demonstrates that exposure to such traumatic events profoundly affects a child's development and has lasting impacts throughout their lives.

H8080 directly addresses repeat domestic violence offenders and will help reduce the exposure to violence again and again. By strengthening accountability for those who repeatedly perpetrate violence, this legislation protects domestic violence victims and children from persistent trauma and promotes greater safety and stability for Rhode Island's families.

H8080 is good for survivors, good for children, and good for our communities. It advances safety, accountability, and long-term wellbeing for families across the state.

Day One respectfully urges the Committee to support and advance H8080.

Thank you for your time, your commitment to survivors, and your leadership on these critical issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Loranger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "L".

Michelle Loranger, MPA
Executive Director