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Chair McEntee and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christopher Morin, and I am a resident of Coventry, Rhode Island. I am writing to submit testimony in opposition to H7145, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses — Weapons.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

No substantive policy impact

H7145 does not change any existing law or improve public safety. It simply renames a statutory section without addressing enforcement, compliance, or outcomes. Legislative time should be focused on measures that provide real, measurable benefit.

Use of emotionally driven labeling in statute

Renaming laws after individuals can introduce emotional bias into policymaking rather than focusing on clear, objective standards. Laws should be evaluated on their effectiveness and fairness, not on symbolic naming.

Signals future expansion of restrictive policies

While this bill does not currently change the law, attaching a named designation to an existing statute often precedes broader legislative efforts. This raises concern that it is laying the groundwork for future expansions without addressing the effectiveness of current policy.

If the committee moves this bill forward, I urge you to focus instead on evaluating the effectiveness of existing safe-storage laws before considering additional legislative action.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Christopher Morin
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