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**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony on H7133

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 H7133, Domestic Relations — Domestic Abuse Prevention, as currently written.

I respectfully ask the committee to amend or hold this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

### **Lack of due process protections**

While addressing domestic violence is critically important, this bill allows for the restriction of fundamental rights based on temporary orders that may be issued without a full evidentiary hearing. Any measure that removes constitutional rights must include strong due process safeguards to prevent misuse or erroneous deprivation.

### **Risk of unjustified firearm deprivation**

H7133 creates a framework where individuals may be required to surrender firearms before allegations are fully adjudicated. This raises serious concerns about fairness, particularly in cases where claims are later dismissed or unsubstantiated.

### **Unclear restoration process and compliance burdens**

The bill does not clearly define a streamlined and timely process for the return of firearms once an order is lifted. Without clear timelines and accountability, law-abiding individuals risk prolonged or indefinite loss of their property even after a case is resolved.

If the committee moves this bill forward, I urge you to amend it to require a full evidentiary hearing prior to any firearm surrender, establish clear and prompt procedures for restoration of rights and property, and ensure penalties for false or malicious claims.

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

Sincerely,  
Christopher Morin  
Coventry, RI