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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 H7035, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses — Weapons.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

### **Ineffective at addressing crime**

This bill targets lawful purchasing behavior, not criminal activity. Individuals committing violent crimes do not follow legal purchase limits, and this restriction does nothing to prevent illegal acquisition through theft, trafficking, or the black market.

### **Punishes lawful owners without cause**

H7035 places arbitrary limits on law-abiding citizens who pass background checks and comply with all existing laws. It restricts individuals who may wish to purchase multiple firearms for legitimate purposes such as sport shooting, hunting, collection, or self-defense, while treating them as potential criminals.

### **Creates unnecessary criminal liability and enforcement burden**

The bill escalates penalties from misdemeanor to felony for conduct that is otherwise legal today. This adds avoidable strain on law enforcement and the courts, diverting resources away from actual criminal activity and toward regulating compliant citizens.

If the committee moves this bill forward, I urge you to remove the blanket purchase limit entirely, as it does not provide a measurable public safety benefit.

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

Sincerely,  
Christopher Morin  
Coventry, RI