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Subject: Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H7553 — Carry Permit Review & Appeal Process

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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 strong support for RI 2026 H7553, the "Carry Permit Review & Appeal Process" bill. I firmly believe that this bill is essential in ensuring that the rights of law-abiding Rhode Island residents are protected. By establishing a review and appeal process for carry permit denials, this bill will provide a necessary safeguard against arbitrary or unjust denials.

In our community, I have seen firsthand the impact of unclear or unfair permitting processes on local business owners and residents who wish to exercise their right to self-defense. This bill will help to alleviate those concerns by providing a clear and transparent process for appeal. Additionally, it will help to reduce the burden on our courts by providing an alternative dispute resolution mechanism. I also appreciate that this bill will help to promote public safety by ensuring that only qualified individuals are granted permits.

I urge you to vote yes on H7553. Thank you for your time and service, Jonathan Newkirk