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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 H7557, the Rhode Island Firearm Industry Accountability Act of 2026.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

Creates vague and expansive liability standards

H7557 introduces broad “industry accountability” language without clear, objective standards for compliance. This opens the door to arbitrary enforcement and exposes lawful businesses to unpredictable legal risk, even when they are operating in full compliance with existing laws.

Backdoor regulation of lawful commerce

Rather than directly regulating individuals, this bill attempts to control firearm access by targeting manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. This indirect approach effectively restricts lawful commerce and consumer access without clear legislative limits or accountability.

Encourages costly and abusive litigation

By expanding liability exposure, this bill invites lawsuits against lawful businesses for the criminal misuse of products by third parties. This will drive up costs, reduce availability, and ultimately harm law-abiding Rhode Islanders, while doing nothing to deter actual criminal behavior.

If the committee moves this bill forward, I urge you to amend it to include clear, narrowly defined standards for liability and protections for lawful businesses operating in compliance with state and federal law.

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

Sincerely,
Christopher Morin
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