

April 5, 2026

Honorable Chair Hagan McEntee and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to in strong support for Representative Boylan's bill **H 7755** (AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- RESPONSIBLE FIREARM PURCHASING ACT).

Rep. Boylan's **H 7755** would change the application to purchase a firearm by updating the current Blue Card process, which was last updated in 1998. The act would require those seeking to possess a firearm, except for police and military personnel, to complete and pass a basic firearm safety training course. **H 7755** is as common sense as you can get - anyone who purchases a deadly weapon should be able to prove they can use it safely and responsibly.

More than 15 other states have passed similar laws and have seen significant reductions in gun homicide rates. Connecticut saw a 28% reduction in homicides and a 33% reduction in gun suicides. Passage of **H 7755** would likely result in similar reduction of gun homicides and suicides.

I urge you to vote this bill out of committee and send it to the House Floor with a recommendation to pass **H 7755**. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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