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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 H7636, the Voluntary Firearm Restrictions Act, as currently written.

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

My position is based on three concerns:

### **Risk of indefinite rights deprivation without meaningful safeguards**

While voluntary participation is the premise, this bill allows individuals to place themselves on a restriction list that may be indefinite, with unclear and potentially burdensome processes for removal. Any system that impacts constitutional rights must ensure a clear, accessible, and timely path to restoration.

### **Potential to discourage individuals from seeking help**

Attaching legal penalties and long-term restrictions to a self-initiated action may have the unintended consequence of discouraging individuals from reaching out during periods of crisis. Suicide prevention efforts should prioritize support and treatment, not introduce barriers or fear of lasting consequences.

### **Criminal penalties tied to voluntary self-restriction**

H7636 imposes misdemeanor penalties for individuals who violate their own voluntary restriction. This creates a situation where someone in distress could face criminal charges, rather than being directed toward support or intervention services.

If the committee moves this bill forward, I urge you to amend it to include clear expiration timelines, a simple and timely removal process, and a focus on voluntary support measures rather than criminal penalties.

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

Sincerely,  
Christopher Morin  
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