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To: Rep. Jennifer Boylan; Rep. Justine Caldwell; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.; Rep. Lima, Charlene; Rep. Earl Read; Rep. Leonela Batista; Rep. Enrique Felix; Rep. Ajello, Edith H.; Rep. Marvin Knight; Sen. Bridget Valverde; House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H7636 — Voluntary Firearm Restrictions Act

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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 H7636, the "Voluntary Firearm Restrictions Act". This bill has the potential to make a significant positive impact on the lives of Rhode Island residents, and I firmly believe it deserves to be passed into law. I am eager to see this legislation move forward, and I urge you to vote yes on H7636.

I support this bill for several key reasons. Firstly, the creation of a voluntary do-not-sell/possess list for firearms will help prevent individuals who may be struggling with mental health issues or other personal problems from accessing guns. This is crucial, as we have seen time and time again the devastating consequences of unchecked access to firearms. For example, in Rhode Island, we have witnessed far too many tragic incidents of gun violence, often involving individuals who were struggling with mental health issues. By providing a simple and effective way for individuals to restrict their own access to firearms, we can help prevent such tragedies from occurring.

Secondly, this bill will provide critical support for families and loved ones who are struggling to cope with the risks associated with firearm ownership. I have seen firsthand the impact that gun violence can have on a community, and I believe that this bill will help alleviate some of the fears and concerns that many of us have. Additionally, the voluntary nature of this list ensures that individuals who do not wish to participate will not be affected, thereby respecting their Second Amendment rights.

Thirdly, this bill will help to promote a culture of responsible gun ownership in our state. By providing education and resources to individuals who wish to restrict their access to firearms, we can help promote a greater understanding of the risks associated with gun ownership and the importance of responsible behavior. As someone who values the safety and well-being of our community, I believe that this is a crucial step in the right direction.

Lastly, I believe that this bill will have a positive impact on our state's overall public health and safety. By reducing the risk of gun violence and promoting responsible gun ownership, we can help create a safer and more supportive environment for all Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your time and service, I urge you to vote yes on H7636. With appreciation for your public service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich, RI