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House Committee on Judiciary
State of Rhode Island General Assembly

Testimony Opposing: *H-7647 and H-8081*

Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I'm asking you to please oppose bills *H-7647 and H-8081*. I've combined the two requests because they deal with basically the same situation.

The juvenile records of a person are protected from being used the same as an adult's expunged records. As such the former shouldn't be used in a background check for purchasing a firearm, nor should the latter be used when that person applies for a carry license. These records are held back for a reason and that reason should be honored.

In both instances the person is exercising their right as protected by both our state and federal constitutions. To amend laws as an attempt to deny the exercise of rights is wrong.

Please vote against *H-7647 and H-8081*.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

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