

Opposition Letter for H7647

(Juvenile Records for Firearm Background Checks)

Wednesday April 8, 2026

House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am a law-abiding Rhode Island citizen and strong Second Amendment supporter. I urge you to **reject H7647**.

This bill would allow sealed juvenile records to be used in firearm background checks, overriding long-standing protections that treat a minor's mistakes as sealed once they become an adult. This legislation would dredge up old juvenile records to potentially block law-abiding citizens from exercising their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Criminals do not rely on sealed juvenile records or background checks — they obtain guns illegally. This bill only creates new barriers and lifelong penalties for responsible adults.

Please vote **NO** on H7647 and protect the privacy and rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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