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Esteemed Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 7650. This legislation provides a clear and responsible framework for adults to legally purchase and possess stun guns for personal protection. By allowing individuals eighteen years of age or older to carry a stun gun (§11-47-8.2(a)), the bill recognizes that non-lethal defensive tools can play an important role in personal safety.

H 7650 also establishes firm, appropriate penalties for misuse — including selling a stun gun to a minor, using one in the commission of a crime, or using one against a police officer (§11-47-8.2(b)–(d)). These provisions reinforce accountability while ensuring that responsible adults retain access to lawful means of self-defense.

This bill strikes a reasonable balance: it expands lawful defensive options for Rhode Islanders while ensuring that criminal misuse is met with serious consequences. For these reasons, I support H 7650 and urge the committee to advance this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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