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Subject: Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H7650 — Stun Gun Carry Permit & Transfer Penalties

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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 H7650, the "Stun Gun Carry Permit & Transfer Penalties" bill. I firmly believe that this legislation is a step in the right direction for our state, and I urge you to vote in favor of it. By allowing licensed adults to carry stun guns, we can provide them with an additional means of self-defense, which is particularly important for those who may not feel comfortable carrying a firearm.

One of the primary reasons I support this bill is that it will help to reduce the risk of violent encounters. In recent years, we have seen a rise in street violence and muggings, particularly in urban areas. By allowing citizens to carry stun guns, we can give them a tool to protect themselves without resorting to deadly force. Additionally, this bill will help to prevent the transfer of stun guns to minors, which is a critical aspect of public safety. As someone who has lived in East Greenwich for many years, I have seen firsthand the importance of community safety, and I believe that this bill will help to promote it.

Furthermore, I believe that this bill will also have a positive impact on our law enforcement community. By providing an alternative to firearms, we can reduce the risk of accidental shootings and minimize the use of lethal force. This, in turn, will help to build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. I have spoken to several friends who are police officers, and they have expressed their support for this bill, citing the potential benefits for public safety.

I would like to request that you vote yes on H7650. I appreciate your dedication to public service and your commitment to making our state a safer and more prosperous place. Thank you for your time and service, Jonathan Newkirk