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Chair McEntee and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christopher Morin, and I am a resident of Coventry, Rhode Island. I am writing to submit testimony in opposition to H7754, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses — Weapons.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

### **Unnecessarily restricts lawful concealed carry access**

H7754 removes existing pathways for non-residents to obtain concealed carry permits and further restricts Rhode Island residents from applying in jurisdictions where they do not live or work. These changes target individuals who are following the law, not those who intend to break it.

### **Creates inconsistent and inequitable permitting standards**

This bill introduces additional geographic and administrative barriers that make the permitting process more arbitrary and less accessible. Law-abiding citizens should not face shifting or inconsistent standards when exercising their rights.

### **No demonstrated public safety benefit**

There is no evidence that limiting lawful permitting pathways for vetted individuals improves public safety. Permit holders already undergo background checks and legal scrutiny, and restricting them does nothing to address criminal misuse.

This legislation restricts lawful behavior without addressing criminal activity and does not provide a measurable benefit to public safety.

I urge you to reject H7754 and allow it to remain in committee.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Rhode Island.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Morin  
Coventry, RI