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Rhode Island House Judiciary

Chairman Representative Carol Hagan McEntee

RE: H-7754 Concealed Carry Licensing: Unattended Consequences of legislation / Against Passage

Dear Chairman McEntee & fellow committee members:

Removing the only state provision that regulates the legal parameters of (non) residents to apply for a concealed carry permit is short sighted at best and invites illegal activity. Even the State of Massachusetts and New York allow for nonresidents to legally obtain a concealed carry permit. This bill will negatively affect nonresidents and our fellow Rhode Island Residents that live in communities that either don't offer concealed carry permits or face departments that are delinquent in acting in a timely manner where residents are forced to wait for a year or better before issuance of a license.

In addition, with Massachusetts sharing roadways with Rhode Island this amendment will in fact cause deliberate needless agitation and confusion, resulting in incarcerating law-abiding citizens. In the end the amendment discriminates against the free will of passage of law-abiding citizens.

Therefore, with sound reason I ask the committee to reject Bill 7754 as ill-conceived.

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