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Subject: Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H7754 — Eliminate Non-Resident Concealed Carry Reciprocity

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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 Bill RI 2026 H7754, "Eliminate Non-Resident Concealed Carry Reciprocity." I firmly believe that this bill is a crucial step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of Rhode Island families. By removing the provision that allows out-of-state concealed carry permits in our state, we can better protect our communities from potential gun violence.

I support this bill for several reasons. Firstly, it will help to prevent individuals with questionable backgrounds or those who have been denied permits in their home states from carrying concealed firearms in Rhode Island. Secondly, it will give our law enforcement agencies more control over who is allowed to carry concealed weapons, enabling them to better respond to emergencies and keep our communities safe. Thirdly, it will also help to reduce the risk of accidental shootings or gun-related incidents, which can have devastating consequences for families and individuals. I've seen firsthand the impact of gun violence on families in our community, and I believe that this bill is a necessary step towards preventing such tragedies.

As someone who cares deeply about the safety and well-being of Rhode Island families, I urge you to vote yes on H7754. I appreciate your dedication to public service and your commitment to making our state a safer place for all residents. Thank you for your time and service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich, RI