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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 RI 2026 H7754, "Eliminate Non-Resident Concealed Carry Reciprocity." I firmly believe that this bill is a necessary 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 harm.

There are several reasons why I support this bill. Firstly, it will help to reduce the risk of gun violence in our state. When out-of-state individuals are allowed to carry concealed firearms in Rhode Island, it can be challenging for our law enforcement agencies to track and monitor their activities. By eliminating reciprocity, we can ensure that only those who have undergone thorough background checks and training, as required by Rhode Island law, are allowed to carry concealed firearms. Secondly, this bill will help to prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands. We have seen too many instances of guns being used in domestic violence cases, and by restricting access to concealed carry permits, we can help to reduce the risk of such tragedies. Thirdly, this bill will also help to reduce the burden on our law enforcement agencies, who currently have to navigate a complex web of out-of-state permits and regulations.

As a resident of East Greenwich, I have seen firsthand the impact that gun violence can have on a community. Just last year, our town came together to support a family who had been affected by gun violence, and it was a sobering reminder of the need for effective gun safety laws. I urge you to vote yes on H7754, as it is a critical step towards creating a safer and more secure environment for all Rhode Island families. Thank you for your public service and for considering my perspective on this important issue.

With appreciation for your dedication to our community, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich, RI