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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 H7755, the Responsible Firearm Purchasing Act.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

Creates unnecessary barriers to lawful ownership

H7755 adds a mandatory training requirement as a condition of exercising a constitutional right. While education is valuable, making it a prerequisite to lawful ownership creates additional cost, time, and access barriers for individuals who are otherwise eligible and compliant with the law.

Disproportionately impacts lower-income and rural residents

Requiring formal training courses introduces financial and logistical hurdles, including course fees, travel, and scheduling limitations. These burdens will fall most heavily on those with limited resources, effectively creating unequal access to a fundamental right.

Establishes unequal standards through exemptions

The bill carves out exemptions for certain groups, such as government or public safety personnel, while imposing requirements on ordinary citizens. Rights should not be conditioned differently based on occupation or status.

This legislation adds complexity and barriers for law-abiding citizens without addressing criminal misuse of firearms or providing a measurable public safety benefit.

I urge you to reject H7755 and allow it to remain in committee.

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

Sincerely,
Christopher Morin
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