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Subject: Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H7755 — Responsible Firearm Purchasing Act (House)
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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 opposition to RI 2026 H7755, the "Responsible Firearm Purchasing Act (House)". I believe that this bill, which requires safety training for all firearm purchases, is misguided and will have unintended consequences for law-abiding Rhode Island residents.

My opposition to H7755 is based on several key concerns. Firstly, the bill will disproportionately affect low-income individuals who may not have the means to pay for the required training. This will ultimately lead to a situation where only those with the financial means will be able to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Secondly, the bill does not address the root causes of gun violence, such as mental health issues and lack of community resources. Instead, it places an undue burden on responsible gun owners who are already taking steps to ensure their own safety and the safety of those around them. Thirdly, the bill will create a bureaucratic hurdle for individuals who need to purchase a firearm for self-defense, potentially putting them in harm's way. I have spoken to several friends and neighbors in East Greenwich who are concerned about the impact this bill will have on their ability to protect themselves and their families.

I urge you to vote no on H7755. I appreciate your dedication to public service and your commitment to representing the interests of our community. I am confident that you will consider the potential consequences of this bill and make an informed decision.

With appreciation for your public service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich, RI