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**To:** Rep. Jennifer Boylan; Rep. Tanzi, Teresa A.; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.; Rep. Lima, Charlene; Rep. Justine Caldwell; Rep. Earl Read; Rep. Leonela Batista; Rep. Jennifer Stewart; Rep. Enrique Felix; Rep. Marvin Knight; Sen. Bridget Valverde; House Judiciary Committee  
**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 opposition to the "Responsible Firearm Purchasing Act" (House Bill 7755), which requires safety training for all firearm purchases. While I understand the intention behind this bill, I strongly believe that it will have unintended consequences for law-abiding citizens in Rhode Island.

Specifically, I am concerned that this bill will disproportionately affect low-income and rural residents who may not have access to training facilities or the financial means to afford the required courses. For example, many residents in East Greenwich rely on hunting as a means of providing food for their families, and this bill could create a significant barrier to accessing this essential resource. Furthermore, the bill does not provide any provisions for exemptions or alternative training methods, which could lead to a significant increase in illegal firearm sales. Additionally, the cost of implementing and enforcing this bill could divert resources away from more pressing public safety issues in our state.

I have personally witnessed the impact that overly restrictive firearm laws can have on our community. Many of my friends and neighbors are responsible gun owners who use their firearms for recreation and self-defense, and this bill would unfairly penalize them for exercising their Second Amendment rights. I urge you to consider the real-world impact of this bill on Rhode Island residents and vote against it. I appreciate your dedication to public service and thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. With appreciation for your public service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich