



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

April 8, 2026

The Hon. Carol Hagan McEntee
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
82 Smith Street, House Lounge
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for H7755: An Act Relating To Criminal Offenses -- Weapons -- Responsible Firearm Purchasing Act

Dear Chair McEntee:

I write to offer my support for H7755: An Act Relating To Criminal Offenses -- Weapons -- Responsible Firearm Purchasing Act. This bill changes the application to purchase a firearm. Further, this act would require all persons seeking to possess a firearm except for police and military personnel to complete and pass a basic firearm safety training course.

I am proud to serve as Lt. Governor in a state with robust gun legislation which have been fought for over several legislative sessions and signed into law thanks to the tireless efforts of advocates and people with lived experience. But there is still room for improvement. Currently, the general laws require anyone who purchases a pistol or revolver to undergo safety training. However, the law omits other firearms which may be possessed or purchased in Rhode Island. H7755 rectifies that any individual purchasing any firearm must undergo a mandatory safety training course.

There is still a lot of work to be done in Rhode Island to ensure that people are safe from gun violence. This bill moves us in the right direction. With this in mind, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island
CC: Representative Jennifer Boylan