

April 7, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair McEntee and House Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is Wesley Smith, I reside in Scituate within District 41, and this is my testimony regarding House Bill No. 7755.

I am opposed to this bill as it poses undue time and financial burdens on ordinary citizen purchases of firearms. This legislation does not define what the new certification process will be, as it should, but defers all details to the discretion of the Attorney General. It does not lay out any framework for availability of testing or costs associated with testing or the live fire requirement. More than likely, any newly devised system will have costs associated with the testing, range qualifications and renewals which could be prohibitive for some citizens compared to the current system. The DEM system currently in place has worked successfully for many decades and is currently administered by existing firearms dealers and local gun clubs oftentimes concurrently with free safety training sessions. I respectfully ask that you reject this bill. Thank you for considering my testimony.