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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 H8067.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

### **Overly broad and one-size-fits-all approach**

H8067 applies a blanket prohibition on firearm ownership for all individuals with prior felony convictions, regardless of the nature of the offense. This fails to distinguish between violent and non-violent offenses and does not account for individuals who pose no ongoing risk to public safety.

### **No pathway for restoration of rights**

The bill does not provide a clear or attainable process for individuals to restore their rights after demonstrating rehabilitation. Permanent restrictions without a mechanism for review or restoration undermine the principle that individuals can reintegrate into society.

### **Does not address current criminal behavior**

This legislation focuses on past convictions rather than present risk. It does not target individuals actively engaged in criminal activity and does not provide a measurable benefit to public safety.

This bill imposes broad, permanent restrictions without consideration for individual circumstances or rehabilitation and does not effectively address criminal misuse of firearms.

I urge you to reject H8067 and allow it to remain in committee.

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

Sincerely,  
Christopher Morin  
Coventry, RI