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Esteemed Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I strongly oppose House Bill 8067. This bill is unnecessary, redundant, and misleading. Rhode Island law **already** prohibits individuals convicted of felonies and crimes of violence from purchasing or possessing firearms. The existing statute — §11-47-5 — already covers these disqualifications in detail. Yet H 8067 repackages what is already law and presents it as if it were a new public-safety measure.

It is frustrating that citizens must continually defend constitutional rights from lawmakers who are sworn to uphold them, especially when the legislation in question doesn't even change anything. Instead of addressing real issues, this bill simply duplicates existing restrictions and wastes legislative time while creating the false impression that new protections are being enacted.

Rhode Islanders deserve honest, effective policymaking — not redundant legislation that pretends to solve a problem already addressed in current law.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject H 8067.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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