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**To:** Rep. Jenni Furtado; Rep. Jennifer Boylan; Rep. Tanzi, Teresa A.; Rep. Susan Donovan;  
Rep. Karen Alzate; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Justine Caldwell; Rep. Messier, Mary; Rep.  
Jennifer Stewart; Rep. Brandon Potter; Sen. Bridget Valverde; House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H8067 — Felony Conviction Firearm Disqualification

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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 RI 2026 H8067, the "Felony Conviction Firearm Disqualification" bill. I strongly believe that this bill is overly restrictive and will have unintended consequences for law-abiding Rhode Island residents.

I oppose this bill for several reasons. Firstly, it would unfairly punish individuals who have already served their time and are seeking to reintegrate into society. Secondly, it would not effectively address the root causes of gun violence, such as mental health and socioeconomic factors. Additionally, it would place an undue burden on law enforcement to track and monitor individuals with prior felony convictions. I have seen firsthand in our community how individuals who have made mistakes in the past can turn their lives around and become productive members of society.

I urge you to vote no on H8067. I appreciate your dedication to serving our state and its families.

With appreciation for your public service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich