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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 H8068.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

Undermines legitimate youth safety and training programs

H8068 risks restricting or discouraging structured, supervised firearm education programs, including youth training, scouting activities, and organized range instruction. These programs emphasize safety, responsibility, and proper handling—removing or complicating access to them is counterproductive.

Overly broad and restrictive approach

While the bill includes limited exceptions, it strengthens a blanket prohibition that may create confusion and legal risk for families, instructors, and organizations attempting to comply with the law. This type of broad restriction can have unintended consequences for lawful, supervised activities.

Does not address actual misuse or public safety concerns

This legislation focuses on restricting supervised access rather than addressing negligent or criminal misuse. Responsible instruction at a young age is a key component of safe handling and accident prevention, and limiting that access does not improve safety outcomes.

This bill risks eliminating or discouraging responsible youth education while failing to address real public safety concerns.

I urge you to reject H8068 and allow it to remain in committee.

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

Sincerely,
Christopher Morin
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