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The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee  
Chairwoman, House Judiciary Committee  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
State House  
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### Support H. 8069 – gun range safety

Dear Chairwoman McEntee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, I write to express our support for H. 8069.

This legislation takes a proactive and commonsense approach to suicide prevention by requiring clearly visible crisis resource information at shooting ranges and providing training for range employees to recognize warning signs of distress. By ensuring that individuals have immediate access to resources such as the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, this bill helps connect people to support at critical moments.

From a law enforcement perspective, suicide prevention is an essential component of public safety. Our members routinely respond to incidents involving individuals in crisis, and we recognize the importance of early intervention and awareness. H 8069 promotes that intervention by placing resources and education in environments where they may be most impactful.

The bill strikes an appropriate balance by incorporating practical, low-cost measures that can make a meaningful difference without placing undue burden on operators. Increasing awareness, improving access to resources, and equipping individuals to recognize warning signs are all important steps in reducing preventable loss of life.

We respectfully urge the Committee to support H. 8069. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to public safety in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Chief Sidney Wordell (ret.)  
Executive Director  
Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association