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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 H8069.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

Misplaced focus on lawful environments

H8069 places additional requirements on licensed shooting ranges—highly regulated, supervised environments where safety is already emphasized. These locations are not where individuals in crisis typically seek help, making this requirement misaligned with its intended purpose.

Selective and inconsistent application

This bill singles out shooting ranges for mental health messaging while ignoring countless other locations where individuals may experience crisis. If this type of outreach is truly a priority, it should be applied consistently across broader public settings rather than targeting one specific lawful activity.

No measurable impact on public safety or mental health outcomes

There is no evidence that signage in shooting ranges will meaningfully reduce suicide rates or improve intervention outcomes. This creates an additional regulatory burden on businesses without delivering a clear or measurable benefit.

This bill imposes a requirement on lawful businesses that is unlikely to achieve its stated goal while failing to address mental health concerns in a meaningful or effective way.

I urge you to reject H8069 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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