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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 H8070.

I respectfully ask the committee to hold this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

**Reinforces restrictive framework rather than addressing it**

H8070 creates a narrow exception within an otherwise restrictive statutory framework that broadly limits self-defense options. Rather than addressing the underlying limitations, it reinforces a system where lawful self-defense is only permitted by exception.

**Establishes a limited definition of acceptable self-defense**

By allowing only certain non-lethal tools, this bill implicitly defines what the state considers “acceptable” for personal protection. This raises concern that it may be used to justify continued restrictions on other lawful means of self-defense.

**Does not fully address campus safety concerns**

While the intent is to improve safety, limiting individuals to specific tools does not account for the wide range of real-world threats individuals may face. A more comprehensive approach to personal safety should be considered.

I urge you to hold H8070 and avoid advancing legislation that reinforces restrictive frameworks rather than meaningfully addressing personal safety.

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

Sincerely,  
Christopher Morin  
Coventry, RI