

My name is Brittany Boudreau and I am a resident of Cranston, RI. I am writing to submit testimony in opposition to bill #8071 Prohibits sale or transfer of ammunition unless the purchaser successfully undergoes a background check. I am a retired Providence Police officer and a Firearms Instructor in Rhode Island.

I strongly oppose bill 8071, while intended to promote public safety this measure is unlikely to achieve its goal and instead will place an unnecessary burden on Police departments which will become overburdened with Background checks to buy ammunition.

1. This bill targets responsible individuals rather than criminals. Criminals will not be deterred by this and will continue to get their ammunition on the street illegally. This will hurt the law abiding citizens who already comply and have gotten a blue card and have followed all the current laws to legally purchase ammunition.
2. This will cause economic burdens on the police departments and firearms stores. The police department will not be able to keep up with the amount of invoices for the ammunition purchases or will have to make a separate unit or create overtime to fill this position. This can cause increased prices to hurt consumers and also hurt the law abiding citizens feeling of being safe inside their home if they cannot obtain any ammunition for their firearms.
3. This also raises concerns to the 2nd amendment. The right to obtain firearms is very much tied to the ability to be able to procure ammunition to use those firearms. Restricting access and creating additional barriers limits the 2nd amendment right.

I strongly urge you to reject this bill. This will create unnecessary hardship on the law abiding citizens, create hardship, manpower issues and possibly costly overtime to fund this bill. This bill will only hurt law abiding citizens who have followed the rules not criminals.