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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 H8071.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

My position is based on three concerns:

### **Redundant and unnecessary regulation**

Individuals who are prohibited from possessing firearms are already barred from possessing ammunition under existing law. This bill duplicates current restrictions while adding new layers of regulation on lawful purchasers.

### **No existing system to support implementation**

There is currently no established system in place to conduct background checks for ammunition purchases. The federal NICS system is not designed for this purpose, meaning Rhode Island would be required to build and maintain a new system from the ground up. This would create significant cost, delays, and administrative burden for both the state and licensed retailers.

### **No demonstrated impact on criminal activity**

This bill does not address how criminals actually obtain ammunition. Individuals intent on committing crimes are unlikely to comply with background check requirements and will continue to obtain ammunition through illegal means.

This legislation imposes additional barriers on lawful behavior, creates significant implementation challenges, and does not provide a measurable public safety benefit.

I urge you to reject H8071 and allow it to remain in committee.

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

Sincerely,  
Christopher Morin  
Coventry, RI