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Subject: Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H8071 — Ammunition Background Check Requirement

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Dear Rep. Justine Caldwell and Sen. Bridget Valverde,

As a constituent and resident of East Greenwich, I am writing to express my opposition to RI 2026 H8071, the "Ammunition Background Check Requirement" bill. I strongly believe that this bill will unnecessarily burden law-abiding citizens and small business owners in our community.

From my personal experience, I've seen how similar regulations have driven up costs and created bureaucratic hurdles for local gun shops. This bill would require background checks for all ammunition purchases, which would disproportionately affect hunters and sportsmen who regularly buy ammunition in bulk. Furthermore, it would also increase wait times and costs for people trying to protect themselves and their families. I've spoken to several neighbors who are concerned about the potential impact on our local shooting ranges and hunting clubs.

I urge you to vote no on H8071. Thank you for your time and service, Jonathan Newkirk