

Opposition Letter for H8071

(Background Checks for Ammunition Purchases)

Wednesday April 8, 2026

House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am a law-abiding Rhode Island citizen and Second Amendment advocate writing to oppose **H8071**.

This bill would require a background check for **every** single purchase of ammunition — including shotgun shells, bullets, primers, and reloading components. It turns a simple trip to the store into a bureaucratic ordeal for every law-abiding shooter, hunter, and sportsperson in the state.

Criminals do not submit to background checks when they buy or steal ammunition. They ignore the law by definition. The only people this bill will affect are responsible citizens who already pass every check required for firearm purchases.

I urge you to reject **H8071** and stop treating law-abiding gun owners like suspects.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Pyara Meyer