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**To:** Rep. Casey, Stephen M.; Rep. Chippendale, Michael W.; Rep. Marie Hopkins; Rep. O'Brien, William W.; Rep. Corvese, Arthur J.; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.; Rep. Earl Read; Rep. Nathan Biah; Rep. Justine Caldwell; Sen. Bridget Valverde; House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H8072 — Stun Gun Legalization for Adults (House)

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Dear Rep. Justine Caldwell and Sen. Bridget Valverde,

As a resident of East Greenwich, I am writing to express my strong support for RI 2026 H8072, the bill that legalizes the purchase of stun guns for adults while criminalizing their use in crimes. I believe this legislation is a crucial step towards promoting public safety and empowering law-abiding citizens to protect themselves.

There are several reasons why I firmly believe in the importance of this bill. Firstly, it acknowledges the fundamental right to self-defense, allowing adults to take measures to safeguard themselves and their loved ones. Secondly, by legalizing stun guns, we can reduce the likelihood of more severe violence, as these devices provide a non-lethal alternative for individuals to defend themselves. Thirdly, this bill will help to reduce the burden on our law enforcement agencies, as individuals will be able to protect themselves in emergency situations, thereby reducing the number of violent incidents that require police intervention. Lastly, I have noticed that many of my neighbors and community members have expressed concerns about their personal safety, and I believe that this bill will provide them with a sense of security and reassurance.

As a constituent, I urge you to vote yes on RI 2026 H8072. I believe that this legislation will have a positive impact on the lives of many Rhode Island residents, and I appreciate the time and effort you have devoted to considering this important issue. Thank you for your dedication to public service and for representing the interests of our community.

With appreciation for your public service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich, RI