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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Raymond Santiago, and I am a resident of Woonsocket and a lawful firearm owner. I am writing to respectfully express my strong opposition to House Bills H8073, H8071, and H8075.

As a responsible citizen who follows the law, I believe these proposed measures place unfair burdens on lawful gun owners while doing little to address criminal misuse of firearms.

H8073, which would eliminate the grandfather clause and criminalize possession of firearms that were previously legal, is deeply concerning. Many Rhode Islanders purchased these firearms legally and in good faith under existing law. Making law-abiding citizens felons for property they legally acquired undermines trust in the legislative process and raises serious constitutional concerns.

H8071, requiring background checks for ammunition purchases, creates additional barriers for lawful citizens without clear evidence that it will reduce crime. Criminals who intend to break the law are unlikely to comply with such requirements.

H8075, requiring firearm owners to carry \$1,000,000 in liability insurance, would place a significant financial burden on citizens exercising a constitutional right. Rights protected by the Constitution should not depend on a person's financial ability to purchase insurance.

I fully support responsible gun ownership, safe storage, and enforcement of laws against those who misuse firearms. However, these proposals target lawful owners rather than those who commit crimes.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject these bills and instead focus on policies that address criminal activity while respecting the constitutional rights of responsible Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Raymond Santiago
Rhode Island Resident