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Esteemed Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am firmly opposed to House Bill 8073. This bill is a direct assault on constitutional rights and cannot survive the Supreme Court's *Bruen* test. Under *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, the state must demonstrate that any modern firearm restriction is consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. H 8073 fails that requirement outright. There is **no historical tradition in the United States of banning and forcibly removing commonly owned firearms from law-abiding citizens**, yet this bill attempts exactly that.

The bill criminalizes the mere **possession** of so-called "prohibited firearms," imposing penalties of up to ten years in prison and \$10,000 in fines (H 8073, §11-47.2-2(a)). It then forces lawful owners to surrender, sell, or ship their firearms out of state by December 31, 2026 (H 8073, §11-47.2-2(b)(1)). This is not regulation — it is state-mandated dispossession. Under *Bruen*, such a sweeping prohibition is unconstitutional on its face.

This bill also stands in direct contradiction to Representative Knight's repeated assurance that "no one is coming for your guns" in 2025. H 8073 does exactly that: it orders law-abiding Rhode Islanders to give up firearms they legally purchased and possessed. A government that promises one thing publicly while legislating the opposite undermines both constitutional protections and public trust.

H 8073 is an unconstitutional confiscation scheme disguised as legislation. It violates the Second Amendment, contradicts binding Supreme Court precedent, and breaks the very assurances given to Rhode Islanders by their elected officials.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject HB 8073 in its entirety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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