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Subject: Oppose H8073

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill H8073 and defend the rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders.

This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

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This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill H8073 and defend the rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders.

This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

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Respectfully,

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Subject: Oppose H8073

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill H8073 and defend the rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders.

This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

In addition to that, these restrictive bills will only disarm law-abiding citizens. Criminals, by definition, will not follow the laws.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill H8073 and defend the rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders.

This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill H8073 and to protect the rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders.

This legislation would require individuals to surrender legally acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. Such a measure raises serious concerns regarding fairness, due process, and the protection of fundamental rights.

Additionally, the timing and structure of these provisions are concerning. Many Rhode Islanders made lawful decisions based on prior assurances that existing legislation would not require the forfeiture of their property. Changes of this nature, introduced significantly later, risk undermining public trust in the legislative process.

From a practical standpoint, policies implemented at the state level alone may have limited effectiveness in addressing broader issues such as interstate movement of firearms. As a result, measures like H8073 may disproportionately impact responsible, law-abiding citizens without achieving their intended goals.

I believe efforts would be better directed toward policies that focus on preventing unlawful access to firearms, rather than penalizing those who have followed the law in good faith.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you reject H8073.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.

You take enough of our taxes you shall not take our rights.

We are law abiding. You should abide our constitution.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

You all took an oath.

The RI 2nd A is crystal clear. Honor that oath.

Respectfully,

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Respectfully,

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Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill H8073 and defend the rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders.

This legislation would force Rhode Islanders to surrender justly acquired private property under threat of criminal penalties. That is an unacceptable infringement on fundamental rights.

I wonder how anyone literate could vote for it and honor your oath to the RI constitution? The same Constitution that enumerates your power. We are all tired of the fraud and mismanagement of political power on regular State of RI issues. Taking constitutional rights away and the money invested in those rights just adding insult to injury. Please do it the right way. Call for a constitutional convention and follow the process so we all feel the outcome is just.

Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Rhode Island now stands at a crossroads, one that tests not only the limits of law, but the integrity of its founding principles.

In 2025, the state enacted restrictions on certain firearms while deliberately preserving a critical safeguard: grandfathering. Lawmakers recognized that citizens who had lawfully acquired their property should not be retroactively penalized.

Now, just months before the law takes full effect, that safeguard is poised to be removed.

By expanding the ban to include possession, the state transforms a prospective regulation into a retroactive mandate, one that forces compliance not by future restraint, but by present forfeiture.

This shift raises serious constitutional concerns.

At the federal level, the Supreme Court's decisions in *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* affirm that the Second Amendment protects firearms "in common use" and requires that regulations align with the historical traditions of the nation.

A ban on possession, particularly of widely owned firearms, strains both standards. It is not merely regulation; it is prohibition applied after the fact.

At the state level, the issue is even more direct. Article 1, Section 22 of the Rhode Island Constitution declares that the right to keep and bear arms "shall not be infringed."

Those words are not ambiguous. A law that first permits ownership, then criminalizes possession, risks crossing the very line that provision was designed to protect.

But beyond the legal arguments lies something deeper: identity.

Rhode Island was founded by Roger Williams on principles of individual liberty, conscience, and resistance to overreach.

It was the first colony to renounce allegiance to the Crown in the lead-up to the American Revolution, a bold assertion that government derives its authority from the people, not the other way around.

That legacy is not symbolic; it is foundational.

To remove grandfathering now is to depart from that tradition. It signals that rights, once recognized, may be withdrawn not because they were wrongly granted, but because they are no longer favored. That is a precedent far more consequential than any single policy.

Reasonable people can and do debate public safety. But the method matters. Laws that reshape the boundaries of constitutional rights, especially retroactively, demand the highest level of scrutiny, not the shortest path to enactment.

Rhode Island must decide whether it will follow a course defined by expedience, or remain anchored to the principles that gave it life: liberty, consistency under law, and respect for the rights of its citizens.

I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill H8073 and defend the rights of law-abiding Rhode Islanders.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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Reject H8073.

Respectfully,

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