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**To:** Rep. Tanzi, Teresa A.; Rep. Jennifer Boylan; Rep. Karen Alzate; Rep. Jennifer Stewart; Rep. Rebecca Kislak; Rep. Handy, Arthur; Rep. Ajello, Edith H.; Rep. Edwards, John G.; Rep. Ana Morales; Rep. Justine Caldwell; Sen. Bridget Valverde; House Judiciary Committee  
**Subject:** Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H8073 — Prohibited Firearms — Possession Ban

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Dear Rep. Justine Caldwell and Sen. Bridget Valverde,

As a constituent and resident of East Greenwich, I am writing to express my opposition to RI 2026 H8073, which expands the assault weapons ban to cover possession, not just sale. I strongly believe that this bill will have unintended consequences on law-abiding residents of Rhode Island.

One of the primary concerns is that this bill will lead to the confiscation of firearms from responsible owners who have done nothing wrong. I have spoken to local gun owners in East Greenwich who are worried about the impact this bill will have on their ability to protect themselves and their families. Furthermore, the bill's language is overly broad, which could lead to confusion and arbitrary enforcement. Additionally, the bill does not provide adequate provisions for the safe disposal of banned firearms, which could result in more guns ending up on the black market.

I urge you to consider the real-world impact this bill will have on our community and vote no on H8073. Thank you for your time and service, I appreciate your dedication to representing our district.

With appreciation for your public service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich