

## **Opposition Letter for H8073**

*(Broad Prohibition on Firearms Possession)*

Wednesday April 8, 2026

House Judiciary Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am a law-abiding Rhode Island citizen, a lifelong resident, and a strong supporter of the Second Amendment. I write today to urge you to **reject H8073** in its entirety.

This bill would turn tens of thousands of honest, legal gun owners into felons overnight simply for continuing to possess firearms they already lawfully own. By adding the word “possess” to the existing restrictions, H8073 strips away any realistic grandfathering and forces responsible citizens to surrender, sell, or destroy property we acquired in full compliance with the law.

I do not commit crimes or pose a threat to anyone. Yet this legislation would treat me like a criminal for exercising a right explicitly protected by both the U.S. and Rhode Island Constitutions. Gun-control measures like H8073 do not disarm criminals — criminals, by definition, do not obey the law. They only disarm law-abiding citizens like me, leaving us less able to defend our families and our homes.

I respectfully ask you to vote **NO** on H8073 and protect the constitutional rights of the citizens you were elected to represent.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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