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Bill Number: House Bill H8073

Viewpoint: **Against**

To: House Judiciary Committee

I'm writing to you today in regards to a major concern I have with RI House Bill H8073.

This bill that passed last year was already a monumental impediment of our rights, but this recent modification exceeds anything I could have predicted.

To punish, and I do mean punish in the true definition of the word, law-abiding citizens for following established law is unfathomable and further catapults this state into territory that I fear. It seems like people have less of a voice than ever and that the government feels like they can rule rather than represent. There are sensible gun laws that are necessary and that I support fully, but this is far beyond that.

I could use all of the cliché language that no doubt you've already heard, but what saddens me is they're all ringing true. This would be an overreach. This would be unconstitutional.

I'm unable to tell if this modification that includes "possess" certain firearms is merely irresponsible and reckless or if it's genuinely thought out and designed to further stomp on people. I think both are equally as destructive.

I ask that the RI House Judiciary Committee Members to PLEASE carefully consider bill H8073 and not allow it to advance any further.