

April 7, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair McEntee and House Judiciary Committee Members,

My name is Wesley Smith, I reside in Scituate within District 41, and this is my testimony regarding House Bill No. 8073.

I am opposed to this bill as it is attempting to insert a ban on possession into the Assault Weapon Ban Act of 2025. That ban was a ban on purchasing various firearms and passed into law, but won't fully take effect until July 2026, therefore its efficacy is still unknown. Law abiding gun owners have purchased and owned the various firearms soon to be outlawed for purchase for generations without problems, the possession of any firearm that was purchased legally at the time of purchase should be maintained. Also, the disposal requirement puts undue burden and financial loss upon law abiding gun owners without any form of restitution. This bill will not do anything to prevent criminals from committing criminal acts with firearms. It only serves to disarm law abiding citizens and it should be rejected. I respectfully ask that you reject this bill. Thank you for considering my testimony.