

My name is Brittany Boudreau and I am a resident of Cranston, RI. I am writing to submit testimony in opposition to bill #8075 Mandatory Firearm Liability Insurance. I am a retired Providence Police officer and a Firearms Instructor in Rhode Island.

I strongly oppose bill #8075 which would require firearms owners to obtain and continuously maintain \$1,000,000 in liability insurance while exempting police and military.

1. This bill creates a financial barrier in order to exercise your constitutional right. Requiring costly insurance raises serious concerns about fairness and would only be possible for high income earning families.
2. Cutting out law enforcement and military shows a bias and shows it is not for public safety because everyone is not treated equal. Being a retired police officer, now considered a civilian, this bill is showing that there is two tiers to the state regarding rights. Police and military can still exercise their second amendment rights but no one else in the state can. This is not fair.
3. This also will not adhere to criminals; they will not be obtaining insurance. They will still illegally obtain firearms, illegally commit crimes and this will not affect them at all. There needs to be stricter laws when it comes to committing a crime with a firearm with harsher punishments. Not sentenced to a handful of years then let out on good behavior.

This bill penalizes responsible firearms owning citizens. I urge you to reject this bill. This will cause market challenges and will not address criminal misuse.