

Opposition Letter for H8081

(Expunged Records for Carry Permit Decisions)

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:

As a law-abiding Rhode Island gun owner and proud Second Amendment supporter, I strongly oppose **H8081**.

This bill would allow expunged criminal records to be considered when deciding concealed-carry permits or firearm rights. Once a court has officially expunged a record, it should stay expunged — not be reopened years later to punish someone who has already paid their debt to society and is now a responsible, law-abiding citizen.

Criminals do not wait for expungements or permits before carrying guns. This measure only strips rights from reformed, tax-paying adults who have followed every rule.

I ask you to vote **NO** on H8081.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pyara Meyer