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Subject: Constituent Letter Re: RI 2026 Bill H7753 — Felony — Disarming a Peace Officer
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Dear Rep. Justine Caldwell and Sen. Bridget Valverde,

As a constituent and resident of East Greenwich, I am writing to express my strong support for RI 2026 H7753, "Felony — Disarming a Peace Officer." I firmly believe that making disarming a peace officer a felony is a crucial step in ensuring the safety and well-being of our law enforcement officers and the communities they serve.

I support this bill for several reasons. Firstly, disarming a peace officer can have devastating consequences, as it leaves them vulnerable to harm and unable to protect themselves or others. In Rhode Island, we have seen instances where officers have been injured or killed in the line of duty, and this bill would help to prevent such tragedies from occurring. Secondly, this bill would serve as a deterrent to those who would attempt to disarm an officer, as the consequences of doing so would be severe. Thirdly, it would also provide a sense of security and reassurance to our officers, who put their lives on the line every day to protect us. I recall a recent community meeting where a local officer shared his concerns about the increasing risks they face, and this bill would be a significant step in addressing those concerns.

Furthermore, I believe that this bill aligns with the values of our community, which places a high importance on public safety and the protection of those who serve us. I urge you to vote yes on H7753, as it is a critical piece of legislation that would make a tangible difference in the lives of Rhode Island residents.

Thank you for your time and service,
Jonathan Newkirk
East Greenwich, RI