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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,

I am writing to you today as a constituent and resident of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, to express my strong support for Bill RI 2026 H7753, "Felony — Disarming a Peace Officer". This legislation is a crucial step in ensuring the safety and well-being of our law enforcement officers, and I firmly believe it deserves a "yes" vote.

As someone who cares deeply about the families and communities of Rhode Island, I have given this bill careful consideration and I am convinced that it will have a positive impact on our state. Firstly, making disarming a peace officer a felony will serve as a significant deterrent to those who would seek to harm or intimidate our officers. This, in turn, will help to prevent violent confrontations and protect the lives of those who put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe. Secondly, this legislation will send a clear message that our state values and respects the important work of our law enforcement officers, and that we will not tolerate any attempts to undermine their authority. Thirdly, by providing an additional layer of protection for our officers, this bill will also help to boost morale and retention within our police departments, which is essential for maintaining effective and responsive law enforcement services.

From my own observations in our community, I have seen firsthand the dedication and bravery of our local police officers, and I believe that this bill is a necessary measure to support their work. In East Greenwich, we take pride in our strong relationships between law enforcement and the community, and I believe that this legislation will help to further strengthen these bonds. Additionally, this bill will also help to ensure that our officers can focus on their core mission of serving and protecting our communities, rather than worrying about their own safety.

I would like to thank you for your service to our state and for considering my views on this important matter. I urge you to vote "yes" on Bill RI 2026 H7753, and I look forward to seeing this legislation become law.

With appreciation for your public service, Jonathan Newkirk East Greenwich, RI