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Subject: Support for S2264 — Establishing Concealed Carry Reciprocity for Responsible Permit Holders
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To the Honorable Members of the Rhode Island Senate,

My name is **James Stead**, and I express my strong support for **S2264**, legislation that would establish concealed-carry reciprocity with other states.

For clarity, **S2264 is sponsored by:**

Senators Rogers, de la Cruz, Elaine Morgan, DeLuca, Paolino, and Raptakis.

S2264 provides a clear, practical framework for recognizing out-of-state concealed-carry permits issued to responsible individuals who have already met the requirements of their home jurisdictions. This legislation strengthens consistency, reduces confusion, and aligns Rhode Island with the majority of states that already recognize lawful permits from elsewhere.

Why S2264 is a sensible and responsible reform

1. Clarity for responsible permit holders

Rhode Islanders who travel, as well as visitors entering our state, deserve a predictable and uniform standard. Reciprocity ensures that individuals who have undergone background checks and training in their home states are recognized here.

2. Improved consistency for law enforcement

A clear reciprocity framework reduces ambiguity and helps officers quickly determine the validity of a permit. This enhances safety and reduces unnecessary conflict or uncertainty during encounters.

3. Alignment with national norms

Most states already recognize out-of-state permits. S2264 brings Rhode Island into alignment with widely accepted standards while maintaining the state's ability to enforce its own laws and expectations.

4. Respect for lawful, vetted individuals

Reciprocity does not weaken public safety. It simply acknowledges that responsible

permit holders—who have already passed background checks and met training requirements—should not be penalized for crossing state lines.

S2264 is a balanced, reasonable measure that supports responsible gun owners, improves clarity for law enforcement, and modernizes Rhode Island's approach to reciprocity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
James Stead
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