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Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Phillip. I am a current sophomore at Brown University. I am writing to urge you to support common-sense gun safety bills that will make all Rhode Islanders safer. As gun violence devastates communities across our nation, we must do everything we can here in Rhode Island to prevent gun homicides, suicides, and injuries.

Last year, at a high school just blocks away from my own, a physical fight culminated in one student firing a stolen gun and killing another student. I shuddered to think of my friends and their younger siblings in lockdown, barricading doors and hiding behind tables.

Investigations later showed that the weapon had passed through the hands of three other kids before the shooter, and had been used to threaten and rob before it was used to kill.

This is the kind of story I hear all too often — another student dead in a completely preventable tragedy. Common-sense legislation and proper enforcement are the keys to preventing tragedies like these. Please act now to keep students in Rhode Island and this country safe.

Specifically, I urge you to prioritize support for:

- H 7216 (Boylan), which would require law enforcement to submit a crime gun or two fired casings for tracing and entry into NIBIN.

This bill will help ensure that guns used for certain criminal acts are traced, and hopefully prevent such weapons from being used for future crimes. This bill would have helped save the life of at least one student from my hometown. Taking action now will save countless more lives.

Please pass common-sense gun safety bills out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

Phillip