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Subject: House Bill 7373 - Against

Hello Sir & Ma'am,

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on the recently introduced legislation below. As a lifelong resident I want to also thank you for your efforts to make Rhode Island an amazing state to live in.

As a registered Democrat, I generally side with traditional liberal views such as a women's right to choose. However, I am writing to formally state I am *against* bill H7373. I am *against* this bill as it is written. But with some changes, I believe it could contribute to the safety of our community.

H7373 AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES — WEAPONS **AGAINST**

- Bill H7373 is too broad and oversteps basic rights to self defense.
- I would modify the bill to only apply to households with children. If I am an adult living alone with my spouse, who am I protecting by keeping the firearms locked up in the safe while I'm home? With regard to households with children and young adults, I am an outspoken advocate of firearm safety that goes beyond simply keeping firearms secure in a formidable safe. This bill could be embraced by the community but it needs work.
- I would modify the bill to apply safe storage to when the owner is not in his/her occupancy. In other words, if you're not home, lock your guns up. If you're home, it's your right to keep them accessible.

Thank you,

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