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My name is Glenn Ramsey, 355 Blackstone Blvd, # 356, Providence, RI 02906.

I am in favor of HB 7373 - The Safe Storage of Weapons.

My wife and I live in Laurelmead - an independent cooperative community of 177 residents on Providence's East Side. Some of us have raised the issue of firearm safety with the Laurelmead power structure, pointing out that our LM employees are not allowed to bring weapons with them when they come to work - not on their person, not in their cars in the parking lots, not on the LM campus in any way, shape or form.

Yet we have no rules specifically regarding firearm safety for residents. Incoming residents only have to agree to be "...governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Rhode Island." (Section 8.16 of the LM Residency Agreement and Proprietary Lease)

In response to our raising the matter of firearm safety, either banning all weapons from the LM campus or requiring all residents to safely store their weapons, the Board of Directors said they could not say anything and could not do anything because if their response were anything except silence, then they could be held libel, if there were a gun event in the LM building or on the LM campus.

Therefore, I am in favor of HB 7373 requiring everyone in Rhode Island who is a gun owner to fulfill all aspects of safe storage -- which would include all the residents of Laurelmead.

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