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The Honorable Robert E. Craven, Sr.
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary
State House
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H7567 – An Act Relating to Civil Procedure – Courts – Domestic Assault


Dear Chair Craven:

I thank Representative Baginski for submitting this legislation on my behalf and write in strong support of H7567, which would require that a violation of protective orders and no-contact orders be prosecuted by an attorney with specialized domestic violence prosecution training beginning July 1, 2025.

Violations of restraining orders are an escalation of behavior whereby the perpetrator is disregarding not only the request of the victim but also an order of the court. Specialized domestic violence training will arm prosecutors of restraining and no-contact order violators with information to readily recognize this escalation and other warning signs. This bill is an important and impactful step to protect survivors of domestic violence.

Thank you to the Committee for the opportunity to provide my testimony in support, and I urge the Committee to recommend passage of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,


Daniel J. McKee
Governor

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Jacquelyn M. Baginski
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker