

To: Chair Craven and members of the Judiciary Committee

From: Amy Herlihy, Volunteer with RI Moms Demand Action

Re: **Support** H 5130

Date: 2/3/2025

Dear Chair Craven and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Amy Herlihy, and I live in Rep Boylan's District 66.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

I am a volunteer with the RI Chapter of Moms Demand Action, and am writing in support of Rep Boylan's Bill number H 5130.

As fingerprinting has, for over 100 years, and DNA matching for almost 40, become well established methods for connecting criminals to crime scenes, so should ballistics matching become a universal method for tracing crime guns. In fact, it has been used successfully here in RI, to convict the killer of Miya Brophy-Baerman, by tracing the ghost gun used in the crime back to the murderer. We must ensure ballistics matching becomes routine in law enforcement, and this Bill does that. We must also do all we can to confront the scourge of gun violence in Rhode Island, and convict the perpetrators of gun crimes. Please take this sensible step to move us in that direction.

I respectfully urge you to send Bill H 5130 to the full House with a recommendation for passage.

Thank you,

Amy Herlihy