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Chair Craven and honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Michael Citarella and I am a student 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 devastated communities across our nation, we must do everything we can here in Rhode Island to prevent gun homicides.

I was a second grader in Trumbull, Connecticut on December 14, 2012, when a classroom of my peers was murdered less than 10 miles from my school. Since then I have been dedicated to fighting against gun violence and making our country safer. Common sense gun reform that helps students learn freely and cops to do their jobs better is something that will help everyone while affecting no innocent gun owners.

Specifically, I urge you to prioritize support for:

- H 5130 (Boylan), which defines "crime guns" and requires law enforcement to submit crime guns or 2 fired cartridge cases or shell casings seized to a state crime laboratory or the BATF for testing and tracing. It would also require 2 test-fired cartridge cases to be entered into NIBIN.

This bill will allow law enforcement to have life-saving information on tracing firearms. Having a larger database of traced firearms increases law enforcement's ability to detect repeat offenders and aims to strengthen the existing background check system for gun purchases. This bill seeks to close loopholes, prevent dangerous individuals (like felons or those with restraining orders) from buying firearms, and improve public safety.

Please pass this bill out of committee, as was done in the previous session, and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

Michael Citarella