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Dear Chair Craven and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Tony Morettini, and I live in Bristol. 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 5130, which defines "crime gun" and requires police departments to submit crime gun shell casings from crime scenes to the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN).

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, most notably recently 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 have to 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 5130 to the full House with a recommendation for passage.

Thank you,

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