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To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Testimony for bills being heard by Judiciary Committee on Wed March 26
Attachments: H-5936.docx; H-5436.docx; H-5443.docx; H-5651.docx; H-5652.docx; H-5654.docx; H-5889.docx; H-5890.docx; H-5891.docx; H-5933.docx; H-5934.docx; H-5935.docx

RI House Judiciary,

My name is Joseph R Graf. I reside at 78 Old Quarry Rd, Glocester, RI, RI House District 53.

Please see attached and consider my position and testimony for bills being heard by the House Judiciary Committee on March 26, 2025.

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RI House District 53

March 24, 2025

Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my support for House Bill H-5936. This bill would provide a means for individuals to appeal denial of a carry permit. Our judicial system provides appeals for many processes. There should be a process in place to handle cases where a permit was considered improperly denied.

I request you support this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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RI House District 53

March 24, 2025

Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my opposition of House Bill H-5436. This bill does not prevent a criminal from obtaining or possessing what this bill considers an assault weapon. It will only prevent lawful citizens from acquiring firearms that other citizens have via a grandfather clause.

Supporters of this bill have said that citizens should not be able to own firearms. If this bill is passed, they will then take the next step stating all citizens should be banned from owning what this bill defines assault weapons.

Furthermore, the wording in this bill will include many firearms commonly used for hunting, competitive target shooting, as well as recreational target shooting.

This bill will prohibit me from transferring firearms that has been in my family for multiple generations to members of my family upon my death or prior to my death.

I request you oppose this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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RI House District 53

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Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my opposition of House Bill H-5443. There are other means currently available should someone wish to temporarily relinquish control of their firearm(s). If this bill becomes law someone could be pressured to use this means to relinquish control of their firearm(s). Once that happens there is no way to undo the action and have the firearm(s) returned to them.

I request you oppose this bill.

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RI House District 53

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Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my opposition of House Bill H-5651. There should not be an exception allowing disclosure of juvenile for firearm background checks when this is not allowed for any other checks.

I request you oppose this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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RI House District 53

March 24, 2025

Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my opposition of House Bill H-5652. A pled of nolo or conviction of a misdemeanor related to hate crimes should not prevent firearm ownership. It is becoming common place to add hate crime to any charge. What was done in the past where a misdemeanor crime was not considered a hate crime is now being considered a hate crime in today's environment. This unfairly impacts people with limited finances from being able to defend themselves and then lose the ability to possess firearm for legal purposes.

I request you oppose this bill.

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RI House District 53

March 24, 2025

Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my opposition of House Bill H-5654. Some years ago, it was deemed that firearm background checks should be performed by the local police based on the applicant's residence. This was because the local authorities know the applicant. The same should be considered with regards to an out-of-state resident applying for a concealed carry permit. The person applying still needs to meet the need for obtaining a permit. The local authority should be allowed to use the non-resident applicant's permits from other authorities. The applicant has already shown they are qualified to have a conceal carry permit.

I request you oppose this bill.

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RI House District 53

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Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my opposition of House Bill H-5889. A person who has served their sentence for a crime and has had the record expunged has shown the record shall no longer be considered as part of their background. There is no need to provide an exception for a concealed carry permit.

I request you oppose this bill.

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RI House District 53

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Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my opposition of House Bill H-5890. This bill will have no impact on criminals under 18 from possessing firearms. At the same time, it restricts lawful citizens under 18 from lawfully possessing firearms. There are many activities where a minor currently uses a firearm for legal purposes. This includes hunting, marksmanship, competitive shooting. It will also prevent a minor from learning how to safely handle a firearm.

I request you oppose this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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RI House District 53

March 24, 2025

Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my opposition of House Bill H-5891. There are times when someone may plea nolo to a felony charge which is in no way connected for violence. The felony has no impact on a person's responsibility to safely own a firearm.

I request you oppose this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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RI House District 53

March 24, 2025

Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my support for House Bill H-5933. This bill would allow a person licensed to carry a firearm to carry a less-than-lethal stun gun.

I request you support this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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RI House District 53

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Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my support for House Bill H-5934. This bill would allow a person licensed to carry a firearm to carry a less-than-lethal stun gun.

I request you support this bill.

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Dear members RI House Judiciary Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my support for House Bill H-5935. People are vulnerable during times of emergencies, especially when there are mandatory evacuations. This bill would allow people who are permitted to possess firearms to be able to protect themselves by carrying a firearm when they normally would not need such protection.

I request you support this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R Graf