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Hello,

In lieu of the posted agenda, I am writing to express my opposition for the following bills: H5443, H5651, H5652, H5654, H5889, H5890, H5891.

These bills will allow agencies to weaponize background checks, consider expunged data and prior felony convictions to determine whether an individual is fit to own firearms, regardless of the amount of time that has passed since. In addition, HB5443 proposes a list in which individuals are added voluntarily and may or may not ever be released from said list, or worse yet, become a stain in that individual's record; citing background check concerns.

HB5654 would also make it harder (or near impossible) for out of state residents to apply for a CCW license in the Ocean State. HB5890 unfairly prohibits 18-year-olds who may not possess a firearm; the same 18-year-olds who may operate a motor vehicle and also be drafted to go perish in wars. Lastly, HB5652 revolves around hate crimes (which rarely happen), and could actually backfire and unfairly impact minorities who are lawful gun owners.

I strongly SUPPORT bills H5935 & H5936, which will introduce appeal processes regarding denied CCW applications and allow the recognition of out of state licenses to carry, which will allow residents to be safer in their communities. Especially during emergency evacuations. Please vote YES on these two bills; those in power who support these two bills will have my vote.

Thank you,  
Marshall Sullivan  
Cranston resident