



March 6th, 2023

Dear House Judiciary Committee:

I am a Rhode Island voter and a representative from COYOTE RI writing to you today in strong support of H5917 [THE ROURKE ACT/ RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS](#)

This act would establish The Rourke Act which creates a survivor support fund with an annual appropriation of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the survivors of domestic assault, and prohibits any individual convicted of domestic assault from being within one hundred feet of the domestic assaults survivor's residence, or if applicable, the survivor's child's school. This act would further declare that individuals who have been convicted of domestic violence are not permitted to own, possess or carry firearms.

We applaud Representatives Henries, Sanchez, Felix, Morales, Stewart, and Alzate for sponsoring H5917 which will help reduce violence on women in RI, and take guns out of the hands of violent offenders, and improve public safety.

Please be part of the solution and vote YES on H5917

Thank you for your time and consideration

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