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**Testimony Re: Senate Bill 0223 Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons
Senate Judiciary Committee**

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Madam Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today. Rhode Island KIDS COUNT would like to voice its support for Senate Bill 0223, which would restrict the use of ammunition-feeding devices capable of holding more than ten rounds of ammunition.

Ban High Capacity Magazines

As we saw in Tucson, Newtown, Aurora, Fort Hood, and other mass shootings, high-capacity magazines allow a shooter to fire repeatedly without pausing to reload. The time it takes a shooter to reload, even if it is only seconds, can allow victims to escape and law enforcement to intervene.

An analysis by Mayors Against Illegal Guns of mass shootings between January 2009 and January 2013 found that incidents where the shooter used an assault weapon or high-capacity magazine resulted in 123% more people shot and 54% more deaths than other mass shooting incidents.

We urge you to pass Senate Bill 0223 to restrict possession of ammunition-feeding devices that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition.

We thank the Committee for the opportunity to testify today.

