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Attn: Jonathan R. Fulkerson  
Deputy Attorney General

Re: Proposed Reciprocity Agreement on Licenses for Carrying of Concealed  
Firearms

Dear Deputy Attorney General Fulkerson:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about concealed carry permit reciprocity with Ohio. While your request is respectfully acknowledged, we cannot accommodate it as Rhode Island law does not provide for such reciprocity.

Under Rhode Island law either the Attorney General or the licensing authority of any city or town may issue a concealed carry permit to individuals 21 years or older having bona fide residence or a place of business within the state upon a showing of particularized need, suitability, and compliance with other statutory requirements. R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 11-47-11 through 11-47-18. Additionally, Rhode Island law allows an out-of-state resident who is a holder of a valid license or permit issued by the licensing authority of another state or political subdivision thereof, to transport a concealable weapon through the state on his/her person or in a vehicle, provided that person has no intent to remain in Rhode Island. R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-47-8.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Adi Goldstein  
Deputy Attorney General

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