To: Chairman Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. and members of the House Corporations Committee From: Rodney M. Leighton

Subj: HOUSE BILL NO. 7609

Chairman Solomon et al.,

I am writing to express my full support for the enactment of House Bill No. 7609 (Azzinaro) during this legislative session. I thank you for being a co-sponsor on this important legislation. I respectfully ask that you and your committee vote quickly in favor of moving this bill to the House floor for passage. This bill is a high priority piece of legislation for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

I am a disabled veteran. I served 22 years active duty and 8 years Fleet Reserve in the US Navy. I served in and during Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. I am a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and Disabled Veterans of America.

I have yet to be negatively affected by a non-VA accredited claims shark and hope I will never be.

Please vote to protect Rhode Island's veterans from non-VA accredited claims sharks.

Thank you!

Very respectfully, Rodney M. Leighton 50 Waterwheel Lane North Kingstown, RI. 02852