

Chair of House Corporations Committee
Representative Joseph J. Solomon Jr.
Subject: Support for H7267, relating to peer-to-peer car sharing

Dear Chair Joseph J. Solomon Jr.,

My name is Ikram Haq and I've proudly called Rhode Island home for more than 20 years. Not only am I a proud Rhode Islander, I'm a proud Turo host. Sharing cars on Turo has made a meaningful difference for me and my family and I respectfully ask for your support of H7267, a bill that ensures Rhode Islanders across the state can benefit from peer-to-peer car sharing.

I first joined the platform over 10 years ago. At the time, I was a history teacher at Boston Seminary, looking for ways to supplement my teaching income and cover the payment on a nicer car. Now 10 years later, I'm still teaching and Turo has helped me achieve my goals and more. My family now relies on this important revenue stream.

The income from my Turo business helps support my multi-generational family of seven. It also allows me to have more income that I use to give back to causes that matter deeply to me, including disaster relief efforts and supporting people experiencing homelessness. I now have more flexibility to volunteer with local organizations and serve within faith communities here in Rhode Island.

What started as a simple way to help pay for a car has become a meaningful way to support my family and allow me to give back to my community.

I respectfully ask you to support H7267 so that Rhode Islanders like me can continue building small businesses and contributing to our communities through peer-to-peer car sharing for years to come.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,
Ikram Haq
Lincoln, Rhode Island