



February 22, 2026

The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chairperson House Committee on Corporations
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence Rhode Island 02903

RE: H-7520 Relating to Insurance – Liability Insurance - Uninsured Motorist Coverage

Dear Chair Solomon,

I am writing on behalf of the Auto Body Association of Rhode Island in support of H-7520 which would make amendments to Uninsured Motorist Coverage. The Auto Body Association is a statewide professional association committed to a rigid code of ethics. We ensure the integrity of the collision repair industry and serve the public through honesty, quality, and service.

The provisions in the Uninsured Motorist Coverage Section of the General Laws are designed to protect consumers. We support this legislation because it will further protect consumers.

H-7520 would add property damage to statutory uninsured motorist coverage, rather than just uninsured motorist coverage, as it is presently. It stands to reason that consumers who purchase this coverage would expect to be “fully covered” in the event of a casualty, but they often learn too late that they are not. The act will ensure that consumers are properly protected with property coverage as well as bodily injuries.

Very Truly Yours,

Randy Bottella

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