



April 28, 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-7864 Relating to Insurance – Motor Vehicle Appraisal Provision

Dear Chair Solomon,

I am writing on behalf of the Auto Body Association of Rhode Island in support of H-7864 which would make amendments to the Motor Vehicle Appraisal Provision. 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 Motor Vehicle Appraisal Provision Section of the General Laws are designed to protect consumers. We support this legislation because it will further protect consumers.

H-7864 would require an insurer to honor a direction to pay, executed by an insured or claimant, to directly pay the appraisers when they initiate the appraisal clause in an insurance contract. This alleviates ambiguity from the process, and results in the prompt handling of claims.

Very Truly Yours,

Randy Bottella

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