



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-7866 Relating to Insurance – Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act

Dear Chair Solomon,

I am writing on behalf of the Auto Body Association of Rhode Island in support of H-7866 which would make amendments to Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act. 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 Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act Section of the General Laws are designed to protect consumers. We support this legislation because it will further protect consumers.

H-7866 would allow a consumer to choose whether their motor vehicle should be designated a total loss when the cost to rebuild their motor vehicle is less than seventy-five (75%) to eighty-five (85%) of the fair market value of the vehicle. With the retail cost of a new or used car being prohibitive for many consumers, it is vital that they have the choice of whether to repair their cars that they have maintained and cared for. This small increase would mean a great deal to many Rhode Island consumers.

Very Truly Yours,

Randy Bottella

Randy Bottella, President
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