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**From:** Alyssa Grayson <agrayson@uri.edu>  
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**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Subject:** Support for H7358

Good afternoon,

As a constituent living in Warwick, Rhode Island, I am writing to you to express my support for H7358. By allowing the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to expand roadkill salvage permissions beyond just the involved parties, the amount of meat fit for consumption that goes unutilized every year could be greatly reduced.

As you surely know, record numbers of Rhode Islanders are facing food insecurity due to high cost of living. According to the Rhode Island Food Bank's 2023 Status Report, 29% of all Rhode Island households reported that they cannot afford adequate food. Meat prices are especially high, and not all families have the time, money, and resources required for hunting their own food. Currently, only the party involved in a collision can salvage the deer for their own consumption. If they are not interested, the meat goes to waste. By granting RIDEM the authority to expand salvage permissions, roadkill salvage would allow more families to opportunistically harvest meat for their consumption, and reduce the amount of edible meat that goes to waste because the involved party does not want to claim it. I strongly support H7358 and the opportunity for the State to allow better use of a resource that is otherwise wasted.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Alyssa Grayson  
Warwick, Rhode Island