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The Honorable David A. Bennett
Chairman
House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: 2025 H 5609, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF MOTOR VEHICLES NON-EXHAUST PARTICLE EMISSIONS

Dear Chairman Bennett :

Thank you for the opportunity to allow the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to respectfully submit this letter of concern regarding H 5609. This bill "Requires the department of transportation, in consultation with the department of environmental management also to conduct an environmental impact study of motor vehicle non-exhaust particle emissions."

This study requires the Department of Transportation to collaborate with an academic institute on the results of our study. The need to have a university assist will surely require funding and in both RIDOT and RIDEM, additional resources dedicated to a study such as this will require funding. Without a dedicated funding stream, these collaborations will not be feasible.

With so little information on the expected scope and deliverables of this study we cannot formulate the funding requirements at this time. We would need additional information on the Legislative deliverables to determine cost impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information and for your diligence in reviewing these pieces of legislation. Please let me know if any further information is needed.

Sincerely,

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Director, Rhode Island Department of Transportation

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
The Honorable Michael Chippendale
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