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To: The Samaritans of Rhode Island <info@samaritansri.ccsend.com>

Subject: RE: Reminder: Stand Up for Bridge Safety on May 12!

Please submit my testimony below in support of passing House Bill H8148

Dear Representative Solomon, Representative Casey and other Honorable Members of the House,

It has been 51 years since my older brother Sandy perished at just 25 years old off Mount Hope bridge in the dark of a rainy November night. He suffered from schizophrenia and was treated at Butler hospital. He was loved by his family, a Classical high and URI graduate, but we could not save him from the heights of the bridge on the darkest of nights.

Please do all you can to prevent other mostly young promising lives from being lost and families suffering from needless bridge tragedies.

Our hearts and faith are in your hands with passing Bill H8148.

Most sincerely,

John Pillsbury

Sent from my Galaxy