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The Honorable Robert E. Craven, Sr.
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: House Bill No. H7368 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NOISE LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

Dear Chairman Craven:

I am writing on behalf of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association (RIPCA) to voice our support for the House bill referenced above which enables municipalities to install and use automated systems to detect noise limit violations in order to enhance enforcement abilities and reduce noise violations state-wide.

Many municipalities experience noise pollution complaints stemming from vehicles with loud, aftermarket and illegal exhaust systems. More than simply a nuisance, these quality of life issues adversely affect neighborhoods throughout the state.

Police are often times occupied with other crimes and concerns and may not be able to address these violations promptly. The implementation of automated systems to detect noise limit violations would provide municipalities with a much-needed tool to address this issue comprehensively. These systems would enable real-time monitoring of noise levels in key areas, allowing authorities to identify and address violations promptly. By leveraging technology, enforcement efforts can be streamlined, freeing up resources for other essential services

Furthermore, the use of automated systems offers several advantages over traditional enforcement methods. These systems are capable of accurately measuring noise levels and documenting violations with precision, reducing the likelihood of disputes and legal challenges. Additionally, they can operate continuously, ensuring consistent enforcement and deterring repeat offenders.

Respectfully Submitted,

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