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Ms. Roberta DiMezza, Committee Clerk,

Speaking as the President of the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association, on behalf of its Board, and its general membership, the Association stands **AGAINST** H # 7368.

The following represents some of our main concerns that defines our opposition to this Bill:

- **Dealing with sound** (instead of just pictures) creates its own set of problems within a city for correct readings.
- The sound microphones **would have to be calibrated** to an "A" scale according to Rhode Island law for accurate readings.
- **Existing sound levels** at the point of placement of any microphone have to be accounted for -- or false readings will be created.
- **Sound is bounced off of buildings** which will increase decibel levels if not calibrated for each unit periodically.
- **Placement** of sound microphones by law must be from the center line of the road and 50 feet away from the vehicles being tested.
- If **multiple vehicles** are near to each other, and only one is loud, then who gets the ticket?
- **When in doubt** -- does the wrong vehicle get cited also?

In real world RI testing:

- Newport last year: sound cameras were tested on 52,000 vehicles with **ONLY 1 possible violation** noted (Channel 12 news Report). So, how can this result possibly suggest that using this system state wide is a viable solution???
- And not just another attempt at municipal money making.

Instead, why not use the hand held meters that were purchased from last year's Budget for \$42,000 instead of unproven automated sound cameras.

Further, question have been posed to me about the use of the sound cameras to secretly eavesdrop on the public.

In sum, the concerns noted above are just some of the main reasons why the use of sound cameras should not be approved.

We at **RIMA** stand firmly **AGAINST** passage of H **7368**.

Respectfully,

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