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The Honorable Robert E. Craven, Sr.
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: 2025 H- 5638 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES –ACCIDENT AND ACCIDENT REPORTS

Dear Chairman, Craven:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support regarding H-5638. This bill, "Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death."

In Rhode Island in 2024, there were 37,888 reported crashes of those 287 resulted in serious injuries, and 52 resulting in death.

RIDOT fully supports this bill, and any efforts which serve to strengthen the safety of our roadways and discourage dangerous and deadly driving behavior practices. This bill if enacted, will increase the range of penalties for driving all offenses which result in serious injury or death.

We thank the committee for their efforts and are available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Peter Alviti, Jr., P.E.
Director, Rhode Island Department of Transportation

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Patricia Serpa
Nicole McCarty Esq., Chief of Legal Counsel