



**DONALD R. GREBIEN**  
**MAYOR**



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The Honorable Robert E. Craven Sr.  
Chair, House Municipal Judiciary Committee  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
Providence, RI

RE: Support for H-5914

Dear Chairman Craven and Honorable Committee Members

I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF H-5914, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS which would provide protection for municipalities by limiting liability in personal injury claims related to roadway and highway defects and ensure that subsequent remedial measures are not used as evidence against cities and towns.

Municipalities are at risk of facing liability for remedial measures taken after an incident has occurred, such as fixing a sidewalk. Public safety is a top priority in Pawtucket, and we would not want to avoid making necessary repairs because it could be used against us in court. This change would allow us to be more proactive in repairs and make our community safer.

In addition, this proposed bill would cap the maximum recovery for personal injury claims related to road defects from \$100,000 to \$3,000 which would assist Pawtucket in controlling costs while ensuring claimants are still able to get support.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this legislation.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Grebien  
Mayor