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Reproductive Health Access Project
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RI Abortion Fund
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RI Black Business Association
RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence
RI National Association of Social Workers
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RI Pharmacists Association
RI Psychiatric Society
RI Religious Coalition for Reproductive Freedom
RI State Council of Churches
RI Working Families Party
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Women's Fund of Rhode Island

To: Representative Carol McEntee, Chair of the House Committee Judiciary; Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

From: Nicole Jellinek, Chair, Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom

Date: March 25, 2026

Re: Support for House Bill 8077, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS

Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I write to express the strong support of the RI Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (RICRF) for H 8077. Our Coalition, made up of 29 member organizations, works together to share resources, build strategies and coordinate efforts to connect reproductive freedom with social and economic justice. We recognize real inequalities in our state and we envision a RI where everyone has access to affordable and comprehensive reproductive health care.

Privacy is central to the ability to safely and securely access reproductive and sexual health care services and gender-affirming health care services, and many drivers in Rhode Island - whether they are residents or visitors - may have no idea that their movements are being tracked and recorded through automated license plate readers. For individuals who are traveling for health care, this information could reveal deeply personal sensitive information that, because of the lack of statutory regulation around this data, remains vulnerable to inappropriate use. For these reasons, we note our support for the provision within this bill that ensures protections for data collected through ALPR technology that relates to the accessing of reproductive and gender-affirming health care services.

Nationwide, police in states with restrictive abortion laws have already used ALPR data in their attempts to criminalize seekers of necessary health care. It would be unconscionable if Rhode Island's laws, through their lack of regulation on ALPR data, created an unintentional loophole for the criminalization of the same health care that we have sought to preserve, protect, and enshrine the right to within our state laws.

Now more than ever, as states around the nation restrict reproductive freedom and gender-affirming healthcare, Rhode Island must be a beacon of hope and stand up for access for all Rhode Islanders and all individuals who seek health care in our state. H 8077 would help achieve this.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Nicole Jellinek, Chair, Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom