



**State of Rhode Island**  
**Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos**

March 24, 2026

Representative Carol Hagan McEntee  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
82 Smith Street, House Lounge  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for H8272: An Act Relating To Criminal Offenses -- Law Enforcement Sexual Misconduct

Dear Representative McEntee:

I write to you in support of H8272: An Act Relating To Criminal Offenses -- Law Enforcement Sexual Misconduct. This bill makes sexual contact or penetration between any law enforcement officer that is on duty and a person that is a detainee, arrestee, in custody or a suspect a felony.

I did not hesitate to offer my support for this bill because I believe it is of paramount importance that our laws reflect the professional and interpersonal standards we expect from all officers of the peace. People who are detained, arrested, in custody, or who are suspected of a felony deserve due process free from any potential violating act from their arresting officer or any other officer of the peace. This legislation is commonsense, and I urge you to see it passed favorably out of your committee.

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos  
Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor  
CC: Rep. Raymond Hull