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Via Electronic Mail (HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov)

Chair Carol Hagan McEntee
House Committee on Judiciary
Rhode Island State House
House Lounge
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: House Bill No. 7638: An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Right of Way

Dear Chair Hagan McEntee:

I write on behalf of the Rhode Island Judiciary and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (RITT) to express our support for House Bill No. 7638, scheduled to be heard this evening before the House Committee on Judiciary. This legislation amends RIGL § 31-17-5.1 to update the law relative to right-of-way of pedestrians by referencing the schedule of violations for the adjudication of traffic offenses contained in RIGL § 31-41.1-4. 3.

Presently, the statute states conviction of this offense results in a fine of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars. In fact, the fines for violation of this offense are subject to the schedule of fines enumerated in § 31-41.1-4.

The Judiciary asks the House Committee on Judiciary to consider passage of this legislation to bring the provisions of the law up to date.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Judiciary's support for this bill.

Sincerely,

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