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The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee
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Support H. 8098 – Super Speeder Accountability Act

Dear Chairwoman McEntee and Honorable Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, I write in strong support of H. 8098, the “Super Speeder Accountability Act.”

Excessive speeding remains one of the most dangerous and persistent threats on our roadways. As outlined in the legislation, speeding continues to be a significant factor in fatal crashes, putting drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists at risk. Traditional enforcement tools—while important—are often not enough to change behavior among repeat and high-risk offenders.

H. 8098 introduces an innovative, technology-driven approach by requiring the use of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) devices for individuals with serious or repeated speeding violations. This is a practical and forward-thinking solution that directly addresses the root of the problem—driver behavior. By limiting a vehicle’s ability to exceed posted speeds, ISA devices provide real-time accountability while still allowing individuals to maintain mobility for work, family, and daily responsibilities.

From a law enforcement perspective, this legislation fills a critical gap. Too often, individuals with suspended licenses continue to drive, creating ongoing risks to public safety. This bill offers a meaningful alternative—one that promotes compliance, reduces recidivism, and enhances roadway safety without relying solely on punitive measures.

Importantly, this approach mirrors the success of ignition interlock programs used to combat impaired driving. By applying a similar model to dangerous speeding behavior, Rhode Island has the opportunity to lead in adopting smart, data-driven solutions that save lives.

For these reasons, the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association respectfully urges the Committee to support H. 8098.

Thank you for your consideration of this important public safety legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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