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The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee.
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary
State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: 2026 H-8384 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES – CASEYS LAW

Dear Chairperson, McEntee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support regarding H 8384. This bill, “Creates an enhanced penalty defined as ‘road rage’ to be applied in addition to penalties for convictions of certain motor vehicle offenses”.

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) fully supports this bill, and any efforts which serve to strengthen the safety of our roadways and discourage dangerous and deadly driving behavior practices. In addition, this bill, if enacted, would allow for the allocation of funds from penalties to create the “Road Rage and Safe Driving Education Fund”, of which the RIDOT would be responsible to oversee. With this fund, the Department will be able to promote public awareness campaigns to help educate Rhode Island motorists on the dangers of aggressive driving and road rage, fostering safer roadways and a culture of mutual respect behind the wheel.

In the wake of unimaginable loss, the Bassignani family has shown extraordinary strength and resolve in turning their grief into meaningful action. RIDOT is deeply committed to honoring Casey's memory through this fund, and to ensuring that Casey's Law translates into meaningful public awareness that makes Rhode Island's roads safer for every family

We thank the committee for their efforts and are available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable House Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Arthur J. Corvese
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