



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

April 28, 2026

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

***RE: 2026 H 8384 – An Act Relating to Motor and Other Motor Vehicles –
Motor Vehicle Offenses – Casey’s Law***

Dear Chair McEntee:

I write today to express my unequivocal support for H 8384, known as Casey’s Law, which would require enhanced penalties for misdemeanor and felony criminal offenses motivated by road rage. Every driver deserves to travel our roads without fear.

On November 26th, 2025, 23-year-old Casey Bassignani tragically died on I-295 south in Cranston when an alleged road rage incident forced her vehicle off the highway. Casey was the daughter of State Police Captain David Bassignani and the sister of Trooper Jake Bassignani, a family dedicated to the safety of this state. Stiffer penalties for the dangerous and aggressive behavior of road rage are necessary to make our roads safer. This legislation provides that consequence, and it bears Casey’s name in her memory.

This bill creates a meaningful sentencing enhancement for motor vehicle offenses resulting from road rage. Under Casey’s Law, a misdemeanor conviction involving road rage would carry a mandatory fine of not less than \$750 and a license suspension of up to one year. For a felony conviction, Casey’s Law would allow the court to impose an additional term of imprisonment of two to fifteen years, a mandatory fine of not less than \$1,000, and a license suspension of up to five years or revocation for up to two years. This enhancement ensures that when road rage puts lives at risk, the sentence reflects an enhanced punishment for that unreasonable, dangerous, and wholly preventable behavior.

With the mandatory fines collected in this bill, a Road Rage and Safe Driving Education Fund is established within the Rhode Island Department of Transportation. This fund transforms a moment of tragedy into a long-term investment in prevention by funding public awareness efforts across the state.

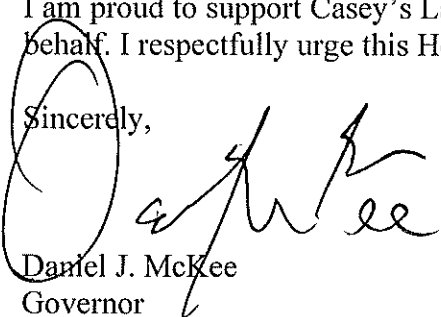
No family should lose a child the way the Bassignanis lost Casey. This legislation is Rhode Island’s commitment to the Bassignani family, and to every family that travels our roads. In the wake of

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an unimaginable loss, David and Lynn Bassignani chose to act. They channeled their grief into advocacy and their love for Casey into a law that will protect others.

I am proud to support Casey's Law, and I thank Chairman Corvese for sponsoring H 8384 on my behalf. I respectfully urge this Honorable Committee to recommend its swift passage.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. McKee
Governor

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Arthur J. Corvese
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