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The Honorable Kathleen A. Fogarty
Chairwoman
House Committee on Special Legislation
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: H 7096 An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles

Dear Chairwoman Fogarty,

Thank you for providing the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) the opportunity to comment on H 7096, which would authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue specialized license plates to benefit the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association (BLMA).

The BLMA has been an essential partner in providing recreational opportunities to the public at Beavertail State Park for many years. Most notably, BLMA has an agreement with DEM to operate the historic Beavertail Lighthouse and surrounding structures by providing interpretative tours and other educational programming. Programming offered by BLMA includes an on-site aquarium staffed by DEM seasonal naturalists. Additionally, BLMA has provided vital assistance with maintaining the lighthouse and associated buildings while providing a security presence.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on this legislation and would be pleased to make ourselves available as needed. Please feel free to contact Jason McNamee, Deputy Director for Natural Resources, at jason.mcnamee@dem.ri.gov should you have any additional questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

CC: Members of the House Committee on Special Legislation
The Honorable Deborah Ruggiero