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The Honorable Kathleen A. Fogarty
Chair, House Special Legislation
Rhode Island State House
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RE: H-7824 – Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles

Dear Chairwoman Fogarty:

I write today in support of H-7824 – Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles, which was introduced at the request of the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services. This legislation would amend Rhode Island general law, increasing to two the number of Purple Heart Medal special motor vehicle registration plates a Purple Heart Medal recipient may obtain from the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles. Currently, Purple Heart Medal recipients are limited in the number of plates they may receive and can only obtain one set of plates for each Purple Heart Medal they have been awarded.

My office works together with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles to ensure that Rhode Island's Veterans and military families can access the special motor vehicle registration plates available to them; there are currently about 400 active Purple Heart Medal plates in Rhode Island. Twenty-three other states allow for Purple Heart Medal recipients to obtain at least two motor vehicle registration plates, regardless of the number of Purple Heart Medals they have earned. This amendment to general law is just a small gesture we can make to honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to our country.

As always, I thank you for your partnership and consideration of this letter. Your leadership and advocacy for Rhode Island's Veterans and their families is appreciated.

Regards,

Kasim J. Yarn
Director

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Special Legislation Committee
The Honorable James N. McLaughlin
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House