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The Honorable Karen Alzate Chair, House Committee on Special Legislation State House 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

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RE: H-5265 – Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles

Dear Chairwoman Alzate:

I write today regarding H-5265 – Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles, which would increase the weight limit of those vehicles which are registerable with prisoner of war plates, Purple Heart plates, Distinguished Service Cross plates, Bronze Star Medal plates, National Guard plates or disabled Veterans plates.

At the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services, we provide services and programs for all Veterans and military family members and strive to ensure that they know that Rhode Island values their sacrifices and service to our nation. Issuance of special license plates by the Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles is just one way that Rhode Island honors our bravest men and women who put themselves in harms way to protect our freedoms. This legislation would bring consistency to the allowable weight limits for vehicles which may be registered with any of the plates which the DMV issues to honor Veterans.

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

The Honorable Members of the House Special Legislation Committee CC:

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