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

**RE: 2023 H-5720- AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Dear Chairperson Alzate:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes to express support for House Bill 5720, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles-Registration of Vehicles.

The proposed bill would standardize the messages printed on license plates across most of the plate types produced by the DMV. Current plate message printing is inconsistent across plate types, which leads to inefficiencies in the plate production process and confusion in identifying Rhode Island license plates. The proposed bill will ensure that Rhode Island license plates are produced consistent with standards promulgated by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). Following the AAMVA standards will assist in clearing up inconsistencies and allow for production of plates that enhance accurate license plate identification.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Honorable Robert D. Phillips
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Special Legislation
Nicole McCarty, Chief Legal Counsel