



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

March 17, 2026

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

***RE: 2026 H 7376 – An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles***

Dear Chair Alzate:

I write in strong support of H 7376, legislation authorizing the creation of a special license plate, referencing the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island to raise awareness of colon cancer and support life-saving prevention efforts across our state.

Few have championed this cause with more passion or personal conviction than the late Senator Maryellen Goodwin. Of the many bills I was honored to sign into law, few were as meaningful as the Maryellen Goodwin Colorectal Cancer Screening Act. She understood, on a deeply personal level, how critical early detection is. Cancer has touched nearly every Rhode Island family and thanks to Senator Goodwin's courage and leadership, barriers to colorectal cancer screening were eased, and more Rhode Islanders now have access to life-saving care.

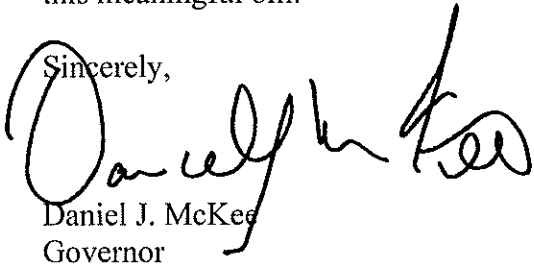
By establishing a specialty plate benefiting the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island, this legislation creates a visible, ongoing reminder of the importance of screening and early detection for colon cancer. This specialty plate will also provide dedicated funding to advance the education and outreach efforts that are essential to sustaining this important work.

Building a healthier Rhode Island means ensuring every resident has access to the screenings and education that can save their life — and this legislation moves us closer to that goal. Every life saved through earlier detection, every family spared unnecessary loss, and every dollar invested in outreach brings us one step further toward the healthy, thriving state our people deserve. As we mark Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month this March, the urgency of

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this work has never been clearer. On behalf of the people of Rhode Island, I urge passage of this meaningful bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McKee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Special Legislation  
The Honorable Susan R. Donovan  
Nicole McCarty Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House