



Honorable Chairperson and distinguished members of the Committee,

My name is Megan Daniel, and I serve as the Executive Director of the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island. We are the state's comprehensive cancer control coalition, dedicated to coordinating local efforts to prevent cancer and improve the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders living with cancer.

I am writing today to express our full and enthusiastic support for House Bill No. 7376, which would create a specialty license plate to support colorectal cancer awareness and honor the late-Senate Majority Whip Maryellen Goodwin.

Colorectal cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in our state. This is a stark statistic because colorectal cancer is highly preventable through regular screening and highly treatable when caught early.

Despite this, many Rhode Islanders remain underscreened, often due to a lack of awareness or barriers to healthcare access. The creation of this charity plate would serve as a constant, community-wide reminder that screening saves lives. In the world of public health, visibility is often the first step toward behavior change. Additionally, the proceeds directed to the Partnership will be used to bolster the initiatives outlined in the Rhode Island Cancer Plan and support the work of the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Program including community outreach programs in underserved neighborhoods and support services for patients navigating a new diagnosis.

Passing H7376 is a low-cost, high-impact way for the General Assembly to support the health of our constituents. It allows Rhode Islanders to show their solidarity with survivors and contribute directly to the fight against this disease.

We urge the Committee to pass this legislation and help us move one step closer to a cancer-free Rhode Island.

Respectfully,

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