

Good Morning Erin,

Please include my correspondence in opposition to House Bill 7781:

March 17 2026

Dear Chairperson Alzate and Esteemed Members of the House Special Legislation Committee,

I would like to respectfully express my opposition to House Bill 7781. Concerning this holiday, years ago we dropped the "Victory Over Japan Day" (VJ Day) and named it simply Victory Day. This should no longer be offensive to the Japanese – now trusted allies. This day should always be remembered for what it is, the end of the most bitter war that the world has ever known. Rhode Island paid, on a per capita basis, one of the highest casualties rates in fighting the evil of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. This fact should never be forgotten.

My big fear in changing the name to Peace and Remembrance Day is that there is nothing in the language of this bill which would expressly dedicate this day to honoring the end of World War Two and that it could, down the road, be dedicated to some other cause.

Sincerely,

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