



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

May 12, 2026

The Honorable Karen Alzate
Chair, House Special Legislation Committee
82 Smith St
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for H8333: An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Registration Of Vehicles

Dear Chair Alzate:

I write to you in support of H8333: An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Registration Of Vehicles. This bill empowers the division of motor vehicles to make available special motor vehicle registration plates for the Dominican independence heritage award committee of Rhode Island.

The Dominican community has a rich community here in Rhode Island. From the early days of Dominican arrivals into Providence, with the support of Doña Fefa, to Rhode Island currently having the highest concentration of Dominicans anywhere in the United States, it is clear that the heritage and identity of the Dominican community is strong here in Rhode Island. Since 2005, the Dominican Independence and Heritage Committee has endeavored to elevate the positive image of the Dominican community and preserve the culture. Their work in elevating the leadership of Dominicans in Rhode Island has itself positioned the DIHACRI as a foundation for the Dominican community here in our state. Recognizing their efforts through the creation of a special registration plate not only honors their decades of service to the community, but advances DIHACRI's mission in elevating a positive image of Dominican-Americans across Rhode Island.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos".

Sabina Matos

Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor

CC: Representative Grace Diaz