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Chairwoman Karen Alzate and honorable members of the House Special Legislation Committee,

My name is Marilyn Cepeda, and I proudly serve as President of Quisqueya In Action, Inc representing our Executive Board.

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of House Bill 8333, legislation authorizing a special Rhode Island license plate for the Dominican Independence Heritage Award Committee.

I support this legislation because it represents much more than a license plate. It is a symbol of recognition, pride, history, and appreciation for the contributions that the Dominican-American community has made to Rhode Island for generations. Dominican-Americans have become an important part of the economic, cultural, and civic life of our state. We are business owners, educators, healthcare professionals, public servants, entrepreneurs, veterans, workers, students, and community leaders who contribute every day to the success and growth of Rhode Island. This legislation would allow our community to proudly display our heritage while honoring the state we now call home. Rhode Island has also become home to many historic Dominican-American achievements, The first Dominican-American elected to State Senate office in United States history, These legislation are not only milestones for the Dominican community, but also for the State of Rhode Island. In addition, this legislation supports charitable and cultural initiatives that will continue strengthening our community and preserving our traditions for future generations. For many of us, this plate represents sacrifice, perseverance, opportunity, and the American dream. respectfully ask the committee to support and pass House Bill 8333. Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to the people of Rhode Island.

Respectfully submitted,

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