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

**Re: Support for House Bill No. 8559 — Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Charity License Plate: An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles — Registration of
Vehicles**

Dear Chair Alzate and Honorable Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association, our 1,700 members, more than 70,000 employees, and the generations of Rhode Island families whose lives have been touched by manufacturing, we respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of House Bill No. 8559, which authorizes the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles to make available a special charity license plate for the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association.

This legislation represents far more than the creation of a specialty charity license plate. It is a meaningful opportunity to honor Rhode Island's extraordinary place in American history, recognize the manufacturers, workers, families, and companies that helped build our state, and invest directly in the next generation of manufacturing talent.

Most importantly, this plate will create a lasting legacy of support for Rhode Island's future workforce. All proceeds from the RIMA charity license plate will benefit the RIMA Charitable Foundation and will be dedicated exclusively to manufacturing workforce programs, training, education, technology advancement, and career pathways across Rhode Island.

At a time when manufacturers are working to attract, train, and retain skilled workers, this initiative provides a visible and lasting way for Rhode Islanders to celebrate our manufacturing heritage while directly supporting the workers, students, and companies that will carry that legacy forward.

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The RIMA charity license plate gives manufacturing the visibility, respect, and recognition it deserves. It honors our past, celebrates our present, and invests in our future.

House Bill No. 8559 provides Rhode Islanders with a meaningful way to show pride in our manufacturing heritage while directly supporting workforce development, training, and opportunity for the next generation.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to support and advance House Bill No. 8559 – and be a part of history.

Thank you for your consideration and for your support of Rhode Island manufacturing.

Respectfully submitted,

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