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The Honorable Evan Patrick Shanley, Chairperson  
House State Government and Elections Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2024 H7470, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES – SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS**

Dear Chairman Shanley:

Please accept this letter in strong endorsement of H7470, which was submitted by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT).

The changes proposed clearly state that any vehicle hauling trash, refuse, debris, or other loose materials must keep the load covered until the vehicle has been properly “cleaned & purged” which means they must clean the load out, not just dump the load and leave, before placing the cover down.

The passage of this bill will reduce trash and other materials from being blown onto public roadways from vehicles that do not have a full load but have not properly emptied the entire cargo space of their vehicle.

RIDOT spends approximately \$1.5M annually on trash pick-up. Any actions we can implement that can reduce the purge of litter on our roadways benefits the entire state.

We thank you for your careful consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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Director, Rhode Island Department of Transportation

cc: The Honorable Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee  
The Honorable Edward T. Cardillo, Jr.  
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