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Chair, House Committee on State Government and Elections State House Room 101 Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: <u>H 5730</u> – An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Size, Weight, And Load Limits

Dear Committee Members:

Rhode Island's economy is deeply connected to its coastal and marine industries, as well as construction and infrastructure development. Boat transporters and crane operators provide essential services to boatyards, marinas, shipbuilders, and construction projects across the state. However, the current permit structure, which requires repeated single trip permits, creates unnecessary administrative burdens and logistical delays. Aligning the permit system for these vehicles with that of heavy trucks would provide consistency, reduce costs, and improve business operations.

Additionally, this change would support local businesses, improve transportation efficiency, and help ensure that critical projects involving heavy equipment are completed on time. By allowing for an annual permit, the state can maintain road safety while providing a practical and fair solution for these essential industries.

I urge you to support and advocate for the passage of this bill. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Sean Daly, Head of People's Credit Union

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