

Testimony on H-7050

Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Parking Facilities and Privileges

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Dear Chairperson and members of the committee:

My name is Myles Brawn-Husband, and I am a resident of Warwick. I am writing today to express my strong support for House Bill 7050, which would modernize disability parking signage and authorize our municipalities to participate in the Parking Mobility app program.

Accessible parking is not a luxury; it is a fundamental requirement for the independence and safety of thousands of Rhode Islanders living with disabilities. Unfortunately, the misuse of these spaces remains a persistent barrier. This legislation addresses the problem through two critical improvements:

Dignified Language - Updating new and replacement signage to use the term "Accessible Parking" is a small but vital shift. It focuses on the utility of the space—access—rather than just the medical status of the individual; and,

Modernized Enforcement - The "Parking Mobility" app program empowers citizens to report violations in real-time. By allowing users to submit time-stamped photos of vehicles illegally parked in designated spots, we provide law enforcement with the tools they need to hold violators accountable without requiring an officer to be present at the exact moment of every violation.

When these spaces are blocked by unauthorized vehicles, it can mean the difference between someone being able to attend a doctor's appointment or being forced to return home. H-7050 leverages technology to ensure that the spots meant for our most vulnerable neighbors remain available to those who truly need them.

I urge the Committee to support H-7050 to ensure that Rhode Island's parking infrastructure is as inclusive and accessible as possible. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

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