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**To:** House State Government and Elections Committee  
**Subject:** In support of Bill H -7050

Chairman Evan P. Shanley  
House Committee on Corporations  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Shanley and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong support for House Bill 7050, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES.

This bill is a crucial step towards making Rhode Island more accessible. Updating our language is important - replacing "handicap" with "accessible" on parking signs is a simple yet meaningful change. Words matter, and using inclusive language helps create a more welcoming environment.

The second part of this bill is equally exciting, allowing cities and towns to adopt the Parking Mobility app. As a wheelchair user, I rely on accessible parking to maintain my independence. Unfortunately, I've experienced countless instances where someone has parked in a way that blocks me in, blocks my ramp, or parks in a spot that's not designated for accessible parking. It's frustrating and often leaves me feeling stuck.

The Parking Mobility app is a game-changer. It's volunteer-driven, and people can choose whether they feel safe reporting incidents - it's completely anonymous. But let's talk about safety: my safety is on the line every time I'm stuck in the cold, waiting for someone to move their car so I can get in or out of my van. If we're talking about safety, I'd rather prioritize the safety of people with disabilities being able to access their vehicles without hassle.

This app is a step towards making our communities more accessible, and I'm excited about its potential.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I urge you to support House Bill 7050.

Sincerely,

**Thank You,**  
***Tina Guenette***  
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