

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

In support of House bill H-7308

Dear Chairman Shanley and Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government & Elections;

My name is Jeanine Calkin and I am from the town of West Warwick. I am writing today in support of House bill H-7308. I support this bill because it will provide important benefits to those who have a permanent disability when the use of a placard can be difficult.

First, the use of a placard can be difficult for those in an adaptive vehicle that use a wheelchair with a locking mechanism in the floor of the vehicle, because it can be difficult to acquire a placard that is stored in a glove compartment (or other location) while driving. Secondly, it would eliminate issues that may arise if a disabled person misplaces or loses their placard as it would be attached to the vehicle.

I believe they would be a great option for those that want them, and allow for those that do not want the plate to continue using a placard. There are many disabled folks who travel in multiple vehicles, and would need to keep the placard an option for them. There are also any other individuals that do not want their vehicles identified as accessible with a permanent plate.

I hope that you will consider the passage of this legislation this year.

Thank you,
Jeanine Calkin