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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 am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 7308, which would provide for specialized plates for vehicles modified to be accessible for individuals with disabilities.

As a wheelchair user, I rely on my vehicle to maintain my independence and participate in my community. My vehicle is equipped with hand controls, a wheelchair locking system, and a ramp, which allow me to travel safely and efficiently.

The proposed bill would provide numerous benefits for individuals like me, including:

- The ability to park in designated accessible parking spaces without the need for a placard
- Exemption from certain vehicle size requirements
- Use of areas where additional space is needed for ramps

Having a specialized plate would eliminate the risk of forgetting or losing a placard, which could prevent me from accessing essential services and activities. Additionally, plates are more convenient and harder to steal than placards.

I appreciate that this bill recognizes the unique needs of individuals with disabilities and provides a solution that is recognized in all 50 states. The specialized plate would be clearly visible to parking attendants, making it easier for me to access the services and facilities I need.

I strongly urge you to support House Bill 7308 and provide this important accessibility option for Rhode Islanders with disabilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thank You,

Tina Guenette

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