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Testimony of

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In Support of House Bill No. 7381
An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Size, Weight, and Load Limits
Before the House Committee on State Government and Elections
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Chairman Shanley and Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections:

My name is Christopher Carlozzi. I am the Rhode Island Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). A non-profit, non-partisan organization, NFIB is the nation's and Rhode Island's largest small business advocacy group. In Rhode Island, NFIB represents hundreds of small and independent business owners involved in all types of industry, including manufacturing, retail, wholesale, service, and agriculture. The average NFIB member has five employees and annual gross revenues of about \$450,000. In short, NFIB represents the small Main Street business owners from across the state. On behalf of those small and independent business employers in Rhode Island, I urge you to support House Bill No. 7381 creating an annual blanket permit for self-propelled cranes.

This legislation will provide much needed flexibility for small businesses, allowing them to obtain annual permits when moving self-propelled cranes. The proposal will eliminate red tape by helping to expedite the process for businesses that, under current law, must spend time and money seeking daily permits. The bill will help small businesses provide better service for their customers, while eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy. Additionally, blanket waivers will also allow businesses to act more nimbly in emergency situations, unlike the existing process.

A permitting process should not act as a barrier for business and House Bill No. 7381 will be a step in the right direction to make it easier to do business in Rhode Island. On behalf of Rhode Island's small businesses, I urge you to support House Bill No. 7381. Thank you.