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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley  
Chairperson House State Government & Elections Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence Rhode Island 02903

RE: H7574 Relating to Motor Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles

Dear Chair Shanley,

On behalf of the Auto Rental Association of Rhode Island, I would like to thank Representative Voas for his sponsorship of House Bill 7574, which would make amendments to the Registration of Vehicles Act. The Auto Rental Association is a semiformal statewide association committed to building the auto rental business in Rhode Island.

House Bill 7574 addresses a crucial issue for rental companies. If one of their vehicles is flagged for owing out-of-state tolls, current law prohibits them from registering, or renewing the registration, for any vehicle belonging to that business. This bill allows them to continue to register their vehicles and keep their business growing. The company would still be liable for the tolls.

Rental vehicle owners strongly support this common-sense, pro-business, legislation. These provisions will help this crucial industry to grow, without eliminating the responsibility for toll violations.

Very Truly Yours,

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