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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: H7577 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 7577, 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.

Current law allows a rental company to continue to register or re-register their vehicles if one of their vehicles is flagged for unpaid fines to a city or town. House Bill 7577 would expand that exemption to situations where fines may be owed to a state or state agency.

This typically occurs where the fines are owed for parking tickets on college campuses. Current law prohibits them from registering, or renewing the registration, *for any vehicle belonging to that business*, because the fine is not owed to a city or town. This bill allows them to continue to register their vehicles and keep their business growing.

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 payment of violations.

Very Truly Yours,

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