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Dear Chairman DiPalma:

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Chief Elwood M. Johnson, Jr.  
Richmond Police Dept.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the RI Police Chiefs' Association took a formal vote at our February 21, 2012 monthly meeting to forward to your Study Commission an informational package on the "EZ-ID" license plate program which is currently under consideration in the Massachusetts Legislature, "Molly's Bill S1798". I would also like to note that the vote was unanimous in support of exploring this "EZ-ID" License Plate Program for the State of Rhode Island.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Chief Edward A. Mello  
Jamestown Police Dept.

Our understanding of introducing an easily recognizable symbol onto each general issue registration plate gives a graphic, which cognitive studies show the mind easily recognizes and recalls. As you are aware, a license plate is the most common identifier used by police when trying to identify a vehicle and its owner. Our organization believes any assistance in performing this critical task especially when seconds count should be considered in the design of vehicle registration plates.

I have requested Chief Sidney Wordell of the Little Compton Police Department to be available to you and the Study Commission to help answer any questions or concerns as you move forward with this idea.

I look forward to working with you on matters of mutual concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Anthony M. Pesare  
President  
RI Police Chiefs' Association

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