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Honorable Senator Louis P. DiPalma  
Chairman  
Division of Motor Vehicles Study Commission  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman DiPalma:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association I would like to take this opportunity to register our support for the issuance of new, fully reflective, license plates.

New license plates will allow law enforcement to more easily detect and apprehend persons who are using automobiles in a criminal activity. The current "wave plate" was issued over thirteen (13) years ago and many motor vehicles today have plates that are difficult to read. New fully reflective license plates are essential in the quick and accurate identification of motor vehicles on our city streets and highways.

In addition, fully reflective license plates serve as a significant safety device, warning motorists of the presence of a vehicle that is disabled or that otherwise lacks sufficient lights to be observed at a safe distance and in a timely manner.

A new design will reduce the incidence of counterfeit plates and serve as a deterrent and reduce the number of unregistered and uninsured vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our position.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Anthony M. Pesare  
President

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