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**Via Electronic Mail ([SenateJudiciary@rilegislature.gov](mailto:SenateJudiciary@rilegislature.gov))**

Chairman Matthew LaMountain  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Rhode Island State House  
Room 313  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**Re: Senate Bill #3098: An Act Relating to Waters and Navigation – Alcohol Boating Safety Act**

Dear Chairman LaMountain:

I write on behalf of the Rhode Island Judiciary to express the Judiciary's support regarding Senate Bill # 3098, scheduled to be heard this evening before the Senate Committee on Judiciary. The proposed legislation would amend R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-22.2-5 entitled Chemical tests for intoxication, with regards to boating, and would amend the jurisdiction of such violations.

Pursuant to the proposed legislation, if a person is arrested pursuant to this chapter refusing to submit to a chemical test, jurisdiction for the first violation of subsection (i)(3) would be with the traffic tribunal and jurisdiction for the second and subsequent violations of subsection (i)(3) would be with the District Court, if the person is over eighteen (18), or with the Family Court, if the person is under eighteen (18) years of age.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Judiciary's support for this bill.

Sincerely,

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