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The Honorable Walter S. Felag Jr.
Chairman, Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: 2026 S 2413 – An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles

Dear Chairman Felag:

I write in strong support of S 2413, legislation authorizing the creation of a special license plate, referencing both the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island and Senator Maryellen Goodwin, to raise awareness of colon cancer and support lifesaving prevention efforts across our state.

Born and raised in Providence's Smith Hill neighborhood, Senator Goodwin was a tireless champion for her constituents and for all Rhode Islanders. She dedicated her life to public service, fighting for seniors, working families, and Rhode Island children.

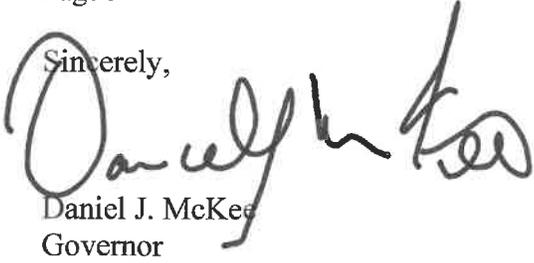
Of the many bills I was honored to sign into law that Senator Goodwin sponsored, few were as meaningful as the Maryellen Goodwin Colorectal Cancer Screening Act. She understood, on a deeply personal level, how critical early detection is. Cancer has touched nearly every Rhode Island family and thanks to Maryellen's courage and leadership, barriers to colorectal cancer screening were eased, and more Rhode Islanders now have access to life-saving care.

By establishing a specialty plate benefiting the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island, this legislation creates a visible, ongoing reminder of the importance of screening and early detection. This specialty plate will also provide dedicated funding to advance the education and outreach efforts essential to sustaining this important work.

On behalf of the people of Rhode Island, I urge passage of this meaningful bill. Let us keep Senator Goodwin's legacy alive not only in words, but in deeds — saving lives, strengthening families, and advancing public health for generations to come.

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Sincerely,



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