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The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma  
Chairman Senate Finance Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: 2025 S 46 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX

Dear Chairman, DiPalma:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of opposition to S 46 on behalf of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT).

This bill would extend the allocation of motor fuel tax revenue to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund through 2025, adjusting the allocation to 30% of total proceeds—including 30% of the one-cent-per-gallon environmental protection fee—through 2026 and beyond.

RIDOT opposes S 46, as it would result in an annual loss of approximately \$7 million, significantly impacting our capital program. This reduction would hinder our ability to provide the required 20% state match for federally funded projects, which typically receive an 80% federal contribution. Losing this funding match—effectively a 4-to-1 leverage—would jeopardize our ability to deliver projects on time and on budget.

For these reasons, we strongly oppose this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Director, Rhode Island Department of Transportation

cc: The Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable Sam Zurier  
Kristen Silvia, Director of Legislation and Deputy Chief of Staff