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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chairperson House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence Rhode Island 02903

RE: H-7264 Relating to Insurance-Motor Vehicle Replacement Parts

Dear Chair Solomon,

I am writing on behalf of the Auto Body Association of Rhode Island in support of H-7264, sponsored by Representative Arthur Corvese, which would make amendments to the Motor Vehicle Replacement Parts Act. The Auto Body Association is a statewide professional association committed to a rigid code of ethics. We ensure the integrity of the collision repair industry and serve the public through honesty, quality, and service.

The provisions in the Motor Vehicle Replacement Parts Act are designed to protect consumers. We are in support of this legislation because it will allow the consumer a choice of factory parts in the repair of their vehicle beyond the current law of 48 months for insurance claims.

H-7264 would protect consumers from having parts installed that are of a lesser standard than the parts that are being replaced. This practice would ensure greater consumer safety as well as fairness to the vehicle owner. This legislation would also clarify the responsibilities of the auto body repair shops and the insurers regarding used parts.

Very Truly Yours,

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