



March 24, 2025

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

RE: H-6054 Relating to Insurance - Motor Vehicle Appraisal

Dear Chair Solomon,

I am writing on behalf of the Auto Body Association of Rhode Island in support of H-6054 which would make amendments to the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices 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 Unfair Claims Practices Act are designed to protect consumers. We support this legislation because it will further protect consumers.

H-6054 would balance the interests of the consumer and the insurer when there is disagreement concerning a property damage claim and spells out fair procedures for resolving the differences. It is necessary because a small number of insurance companies have been "gaming" the system because of the way the law is currently written by making the initial demand in every case and thereby controlling the pick of the umpire appraiser. The act will correct that language and stop that abuse.

Very Truly Yours,

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