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The Honorable Robert E. Craven Sr., Chairperson
House Judiciary Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear:

RE: H7099 - AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015

Dear Chairperson Craven:

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) respectfully submits this letter to express our concerns regarding H7099.

RIDOT is currently participating in a voluntary data analysis funded through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Rhode Island law enforcement agencies are currently sending their 2020, 2021 and 2022 traffic stop data directly to the Institute for Municipality and Regional Policy at the University of Connecticut. The data is being analyzed and upon completion a final report will be sent to RIDOT. The results of the report will be published on our website.

The RIDOT Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is the pass through for the funding mechanism to 3rd parties and is hands off on the data collection process. It is mirroring previous analyses. We would continue with identifying a designee to implement this program.

This process is supported with Section 1906 Racial Profiling Prohibition grant funding through the NHTSA. These funds require a state match of 20%. These funds must be applied for annually.

I thank the members of the committee for the opportunity to offer our opinion.

Sincerely,

Peter Alviti, Jr., P.E.

Director, Rhode Island Department of Transportation

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Edith H. Ajello
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel