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Ms. Roberta DiMezza, Committee Clerk,

Speaking as the President of the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association, on behalf of its Board, and its general membership, the Association stands **AGAINST** H # 7748.

The RIMA does **NOT** believe that Automated Traffic Signal Laws should include "Block the Box" enforcement. First, most traffic lights are timed differently for the changes from green, to yellow, and then red at each light. So, all of the lights would have to be standardized for the proper time to allow drivers to adjust and stop safely -- to not "block" intersections.

In reality, one of the most dangerous times for a motorcycle is when it is "at" or "near" to an intersection -- barely moving or stopped. If, I am driving my motorcycle -- going through a yellow light, and I try to STOP and the driver of the car behind me is distracted, or just trying to beat the light (to avoid a ticket), the result may very well be an accident from behind!
For a motorcycle operator, that will probably result in serious injury or death.

The other issue that was brought to my attention from riders, is their strong opinion that this proposed Bill and new Law would be just another way to get more money for the State!
When, in fact-- SAFETY for motorcycle riders should be the priority (and not just an afterthought) from a Bill that will further endanger our lives.

Respectfully,

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