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Via Electronic Mail (HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov)

Chairman Robert E. Craven, Sr.

House Committee on the Judiciary

Rhode Island State House

House Lounge

Providence, RI 02903

Re: House Bill #5899: An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles - Aggressive Driving

Dear Chairman Craven:

I write on behalf of the Rhode Island Judiciary and the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal (RITT) to express support for House Bill #5899, scheduled to be heard this evening before the House Judiciary Committee. If enacted, this bill would amend RIGL § 31-27.1-3, the "Aggressive Driving" statute, by adding five (5) categories of moving violations.

Pursuant to this statute, aggressive driving means an individual is operating a motor vehicle in violation of the speed restrictions outlined in Title 31, Chapter 14, and coincident to speeding is also in violation of two or more moving violations. The RITT seeks to add: Obedience to police officers, § 31-12-3; Overtaking on left, § 31-15-4; Clearance for overtaking, § 31-15-6; Places where over taking is prohibited, § 31-15-7; and Laned roadways, § 31-15-11 to the list of driving offenses outlined in the aggressive driving statute.

I ask the House Judiciary Committee to consider passage of this legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to express the Judiciary's support for this bill.

Sincerely,

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