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Representative Stephen Casey, Chairman  
House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
State House, Room 101  
83 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: H – 7108 OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Casey and Committee Members:

H-7108 proposes to enact a wide-sweeping, statewide ordinance upon a critical transportation service provider – our state's refuse haulers – by interrupting vital scheduling flexibility by controlling hours of service and imposing a random, allowable distance of 100' or more for compliance outside the proposed hours of 10pm and 8am. This legislation sets a dangerous precedent not only for this vital sector, but for all Rhode Island companies – trucking and otherwise – delivering services to our citizens and within our communities.

Refuse hauling has historically been done in the early hours of the morning – well before 8am - due to the accessibility to equipment before the customers awoken. Restricting access to dumpsters would cause inefficiency due to congestion and other factors. Forcing service into hours of higher congestion due to vehicle and pedestrian traffic becomes a safety factor as does shifting businesses to evening hour service due to the same traffic and darkness.

Trucking and all delivery service scheduling should remain a matter between the client and the provider. If the manager or the residents of a dwelling don't like the service delivery hours, let that matter be resolved between those parties – not the government. Legislative overreach such as H-7108 handcuffs waste haulers and, more egregiously, our state's supply chain and its passage would have a crippling effect upon much needed scheduling flexibility. For these reasons, the Rhode Island Trucking Association and its 500 members, consisting mostly of small businesses operating commercial vehicles in service to our taxpayers, strongly opposed this legislation. We urge your committee to stop its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher J. Maxwell".

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