



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 28, 2024

The Honorable Evan P. Shanley  
Chairman, House Committee on State Government and Elections  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2024-H 7470 – An Act Relating to Motor Vehicles – Size, Weight, and Load Limits**

Dear Chairman Shanley:

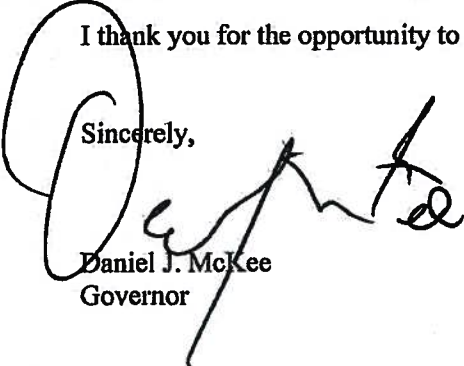
I write to offer my strong support of House Bill 7470, submitted on behalf of the Department of Transportation. House Bill 7470 provides that any vehicle hauling trash, refuse, debris, or other loose materials, must keep the load covered until the vehicle's contents have been properly "cleaned and purged." As my administration continues to work to keep Rhode Island litter free, this commonsense proposal will help reduce the amount of litter and other debris on our roads.

Department of Transportation spends approximately \$1.5 million annually on trash pick-up. Preventing this loose debris from entering our roadways is not only financially prudent, but also environmentally friendly.

Rhode Islanders take pride in our beautiful state. From our beaches and parks to our outdoor spaces, our environment is what makes Rhode Island so special. I also encourage all Rhode Islanders to take our [Litter Free Rhode Island](http://www.litterfree.ri.gov) pledge ([www.litterfree.ri.gov](http://www.litterfree.ri.gov)) to help keep Rhode Island clean and healthy.

I thank you for the opportunity to offer my support and urge the committee to recommend passage.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections  
The Honorable Edward T. Cardillo, Jr.  
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel