



April 9, 2026

The Honorable Senator Matthew L. LaMountain, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State Senate
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: SENATE BILL 2728 – AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

Chair LaMountain and Honorable Committee Members,

On behalf of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, we write to express our support for Senate Bill 2728. This legislation addresses an issue that has affected many residents across the state.

The League recognizes that toll collection is important for maintaining our transportation infrastructure, but enforcement should be fair and clear. Senate Bill 2728 moves in that direction by improving notice requirements, supporting reasonable penalties, and giving people a fair opportunity to address violations.

From a municipal standpoint, a well-functioning transportation system is important to our communities. Clear and consistent toll enforcement, especially in cases involving equipment issues, helps avoid unnecessary challenges for residents.

This bill takes steps to improve communication with E-ZPass users and addresses concerns related to transponder failures. It also creates a more consistent process for reviewing and resolving tolls and penalties that may result from those issues.

The bill maintains the responsibility to pay valid tolls while helping ensure the system works in a fair and predictable way for residents.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to present our perspective on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Cc: Honorable Members of Senate Judiciary Committee