



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

March 25, 2026

Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr.
Chair, Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Services
82 Smith St, Room 313
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for S2411: An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Size, Weight, And Load Limits

Dear Senator Felag:

I write to you in support of S2411: An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Size, Weight, And Load Limits

This is a welcome and necessary correction to state policy that will benefit our marine trades sector, transport operators, and small businesses that rely on the timely and compliant movement of large marine equipment.

Reinstating this permit framework aligns with longstanding industry practices and removes unnecessary obstacles that have impacted one of our state's most vital economic sectors. The bill appropriately maintains safety standards, operational guidelines, and enforcement mechanisms while improving regulatory efficiency and predictability.

Last year I submitted a letter of support for SB532-A, a bill which allows boats and marine assets to utilize the overweight oversize annual blanket permit that was in effect until 2022, and for the resumption of the prior practice of permitting for boats and marine asset transportation. At the time, I asked the General Assembly to consider extending these permits for cranes as well. I am pleased to see those considerations manifested in S2411.

These cranes are essential to infrastructure, construction, and public utility projects throughout Rhode Island, and their inclusion would provide similar relief to a sector that likewise depends on the movement of oversized, non-divisible equipment. Extending the permit to self-propelled cranes would bring needed consistency to our permitting structure without compromising safety or oversight.

I thank the committee and the bill sponsors for their leadership and thoughtful attention to this issue. I urge you to report S2411 favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sabina Matos
Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor
CC: Senator Louis P. DiPalma