



RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

March 4, 2021

The Honorable David A. Bennett
Chair, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Bennett:

re: 21H-5279
Representative McGaw

The Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) supports Representative McGaw legislation.

Climate change has had a substantial impact of public health in our country and around the world. As we all should know by now, the largest contributor to climate change has been carbon emissions.

As an early member of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Public Health we are grateful that our state has adopted some of the most stringent carbon emission reduction goals in the country. Representative McGaw's bill will aid in our efforts to protect our public health by improving the quality of our air.

We urge you and your committee colleagues to act favorably on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Cummings, MD
President