



Chairman, Joseph J. Solomon
House Committee on Municipal Government
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: **House Bill No. 8017**

Dear Chairman Solomon:

I am writing in support of House Bill No. 8017 which would authorize the Town of Middletown to finance a \$5,000,000 Bond for the purpose of acquiring and preserving open space and acquiring, preserving, restoring and improving recreational areas in the Town.

This local open space bond will help to provide the core funding necessary to protect the special places in our communities. Because of the high cost of land on Aquidneck Island, as a local land trust we are dependent on these private/public funding partnerships with the Town and the State of Rhode Island to fund conservation projects when the land becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charles B. Allott' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles B. Allott, Esq.

cc. Shawn Brown, Middletown Town Administrator
Robert Sylvia, Middletown Town Council President