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To Chairwoman McEntee & members of the committee,

I write you today to urge your strong support for Rep. Cortvriend's bill H 5411 so that Rhode Island's future economic development planning includes tackling the existential threat climate changes poses to the ocean state. The livelihoods and the very lives of people throughout the state, particularly in the East Bay or communities abutting the Narragansett Bay, from my home of Warwick down to South Kingstown & Narragansett, are at the greatest risk in our history. Our tourism and fishing industries for example, have already been greatly staggered by pandemic. The encroaching threat climate change poses presents a double-whammy situation to both employers and employees economic sustainability. The businesses they have sank life savings into and made successful careers out of face devastation. I commend the representative for this timely legislation to insure the effects of climate change could pose to our local economy are taken into account, as well as presenting this as an opportunity to set the groundwork for the green industrial revolution we need to tackle this emergency. Passing this legislation plus including DEM & CRMC i believe could be a great first step towards formulating a Green New Deal which not only protects Rhode Island from climate change but also creates great-paying, unionized jobs. We are the Ocean State for a reason, and we should legislate like it.

Thank You,

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