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I am a registered voter in the Town of South Kingstown writing to oppose House Bill 5469. The reintroduction of the Bill now clearly again prohibits thousands of property owners from discussions of clearly reaching a better course of action for shoreline access. The Bill is also circumventing the provisions already established in our State Constitution and will also prohibit our Police Department from protecting property owners from issues of trespass and vandalism. The language of "Protected conduct shall include, but not limited to, fishing, gathering seaweed, swimming, and passage along the shore" would indicate the public could do anything on private property and again render the police incapable of enforcing private property. The language in the Bill of "10 feet above the most recent high tide line" would indicate availability for all on private property.

Our State Constitution provides access for everyone. It does not allow for trespass and vandalism. Please take into consideration all viewpoints. Many residents have either experienced issues with trespass, vandalism and also learned of assaults, WHICH HAS TO STOP!

I urge further consideration on House Bill 5469.

Respectfully submitted,

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