

I am **Katharine Creedon**, a homeowner at **119 Teal Dr, Wakefield** and I'm in opposition to **Bill 5469**.

This proposal

- Attempts to circumvent the provisions of the Rhode Island Constitution;
- The language of "10 feet from the most recent high tide line" is virtually unenforceable;
- The language of "Protected conduct shall include, **but not be limited to**, fishing, gathering seaweed, swimming, and passage along the shore" - allows any behavior on the beach, ignoring property owners "rules";
- The bill renders the Police Department helpless from protecting property owners from unwanted trespassing and vandalism;
- The language itself makes it impossible for a reasonable person to determine if a violation has occurred, potentially leading to further confrontations and calls to law enforcement;

The timing of the bill's introduction and a judiciary hearing clearly prohibits thousands of property owners, like me, from discussing a more sustainable course of action for shoreline access .

I pay the taxes on the beach square footage. Since this bill basically permits all access for any reason, it basically becomes a public beach and is no longer private property that I should pay taxes on.

Once again, I oppose Bill 5469.

Sincerely,

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