



Honorable Evan Shanley
Chairperson, House Committee on State Affairs and Government
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

June 7, 2021

Re: H 6383- An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government

Chairperson Shanley,

The undersigned members of the Rhode Island Business Coalition oppose H6383- An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government- Requires the department of environmental management to create environmental justice areas. This act would require the department of environmental management (DEM) to create a list of environmental justice areas. Once the list of environmental justice areas is adopted the act would establish requirements which would have to be met by an applicant prior to DEM issuing permits for a new large electric generating facility, resource recovery facility or sludge combustor facility.

The consequences of this bill include a substantial impact on the business community. There are also several questions that are left unanswered in this legislation. What are the specific metrics for designating these areas green justice zones? What are the financial impacts on creating this work for the Department? What impact will these new regulations have upon economic development within the State?

We respectfully request that you take no further action on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Ivy Wealth Management, Ralph Coppola

Rhode Island Manufacturers Association – David M. Chenevert, Executive Director

Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care- Nicholas Oliver, Executive Director

Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants – Melissa Travis, President

Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit – Grafton Willey, Tax and Budget Committee Chairman

Newport County Chamber of Commerce – Erin Donovan-Boyle, Executive Director