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Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. Chair, House Corporations Committee Rhode Island House of Representatives Smith Street, Providence, RI 02906

Dear Chairman Solomon:

The Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) is pleased to support bill <u>H7712</u>, legislation needed to modernize titles used under the Rhode Island General Laws.

As you know, RIAC is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the State's airport system consisting of Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport, North Central State Airport, Quonset State Airport, Westerly State Airport, Newport State Airport, and Block Island State Airport. By way of background, prior to the statutory creation of RIAC in 1992, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) was responsible for the operations and maintenance for the airport system.

To that end, many of the statutory references to RIAC utilize the old RIDOT titles which are no longer applicable based on RIAC's organizational structure. Thus, H7712 is a bill to align titles and responsibilities throughout Rhode Island's General Laws and would clean up these references to reflect current RIAC titles and operations.

I thank you and the committee for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

John J. Goodman

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