## Rhode Island Condominium Association, INC.

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TO: House Corporation Committee MembersFROM: Raymond Harrison, Esq. President of RICA Inc.DATE: March 3, 2025

## **RE: TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF H5330**

Dear Committee Members:

RICA is a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation that advocates on behalf of all condominium associations in our state. It has been the voice of the Rhode Island condominium community since 1993.

**<u>RIGL 34-36.1-1.03</u>** This bill would correct an omission in the RI Condominium Law by providing a clear definition of the term "special assessment" to eliminate confusion and disputes about its meaning. This bill would eliminate confusion and disputes by defining a special assessment as an assessment that is not part of the association budget.

**<u>RIGL 34-36.1-3.08</u>** This bill would allow unit owner participation by digital conferencing at association meetings if allowed by the declaration or bylaws. This would be welcome to your younger constituents who use the internet as their primary means of communication. It would also help older or infirmed constituents who find it difficult to get to, or get through, an association meeting.

Thank you.

Truly, aymond Harrison, Esq.

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