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House Corporations Committee Members  
RI State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear committee Members:

On behalf of our members and board members, I am respectfully requesting that you vote in favor of House Bill H-7334 introduced by Representative Cotter and cosponsored by Representatives Potter, Serpa, Fellela, Cruz, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Stewart, and Tanzi.

Rhode Island should not be engaged in any way in the illegal wild bird trade by allowing parrots to be sold in pet stores or by breeders or by brokers. Tens of thousands of parrots are seized annually in international wildlife trafficking operations. Meanwhile, approximately 70% of relinquished parrots are due to owners being unprepared for their complex care/lifespan.

Our responsibility should be towards the welfare of animals. Many local parrot rescues are already overwhelmed, and we need to encourage people to adopt from rescues.

We encourage you as members of the House Corporations Committee to vote in favor of this humane legislation.

Very truly yours,  
*Dennis Tabella*  
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Director