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**From:** Volunteer Services for Animals <vsaheadquarters@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 2:30 PM  
**To:** House Corporations Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Cotter, Megan L.; Rep. Potter, Brandon C.; Rep. Serpa, Patricia A.; Rep. Fellela, Deborah A.; Rep. Cruz, Cherie L.; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Kazarian, Katherine S.; Rep. Alzate, Karen; Rep. Stewart, Jennifer A.; Rep. Tanzi, Teresa A.  
**Subject:** H7334 - Psittacine Birds SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Soloman and Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House Corporations Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) sends supporting testimony every year for the measure that will discourage the private enterprise of selling Psittacine birds.

H7334 will deny breeders and brokers from this merchandising and afford a better chance for adoptions by humane organizations that are not in it for the money.

In testimony you are made aware of the large numbers in rescue that although safely held are living their long lives imprisoned in a cage.

Please consider this humane bill and the rescuers who are caring for the large numbers of unwanted parrots/birds living in Rhode Island and its enormous humane and human financial costs.

We thank the sponsors of H7344 for their dedication to this effort, and we thank the House Corporations Committee for taking our testimony via email.

Very respectfully yours,  
Joanne Rongo  
Chair writing for the Board of Directors & Volunteers

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**Please adopt from a shelter or a humane organization.**  
**Spay/neuter is the humane response to overpopulation.**  
**Factory farmed animals are among the most abused animals on Earth.**  
**Thank you for helping VSA save lives and change minds.**

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**From:** Joanne Rongo <Joanne.Rongo@petaadvocacy.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 5:32 AM  
**To:** House Corporations Committee  
**Subject:** Please Protect Parrots by Supporting H7334

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Message to Committee Members:

I'm writing to you as a Rhode Island resident to express my strong support for H7334, which would ban the sale of parrots sourced from breeders and animal brokers. Investigations into parrot breeding facilities, which supply pet stores around the country, have found that large-scale breeders routinely cram thousands of parrots into tiny, filthy cages and that parrots who can't be sold are killed and discarded. In nature, parrots spend their days exploring their environment and flying with their close-knit flocks, but in the breeding industry, their physical and emotional needs are entirely disregarded, and they are locked in metal cages, denied the ability to fly and express their most natural behaviors.

Please help protect parrots from this cruelty by banning the sale of parrots sourced from breeders and animal brokers. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
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