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### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.  
Chairman  
House Committee on Corporations  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**RE: H 7334 An Act Relating to Animals and Animal Husbandry – Psittacine Birds**

Dear Chairman Solomon,

Thank you for providing the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) the opportunity to comment on H 7334, which would regulate the sale of parrots. This letter is not intended as a position in support of or opposition to the bill, but offers technical comments intended to provide clarity in the bill.

DEM notes that the legislation includes an unusual method of enforcement that relies upon an advisory committee consisting of two non-profit organizations. However, it is unclear if the legislation also envisions an enforcement role for DEM. We recommend that the roles of the respective entities be clarified and note that the non-profits involved would not have the ability to assess the financial penalties that the bill proposes. We also note the limited resources available at DEM to assist with the enforcement of the provisions of this legislation.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on this legislation and would be pleased to make ourselves available as needed. Please feel free to contact Ryan Mulcahey, DEM Director of Legislative Affairs, at [ryan.mulcahey@dem.ri.gov](mailto:ryan.mulcahey@dem.ri.gov) should you have any additional questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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Director

cc: Members of the House Committee on Corporations  
The Honorable Megan L. Cotter  
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