

Trafton testimony to support H7884, House Corporations Committee 3.19.2026

Dear Chair Solomon and Honorable Members of The House Corporations Committee,

I'm Peter Trafton from Providence, Rhode Island, writing in strong support of H7884, sponsored by Rep Handy and colleagues.

In the times of Trump, states must stand up and fight against policies advanced by federal agencies who appear to have completely given up their scientifically based policies regarding energy use and conservation, especially with regard to water use. Many appliances used in homes and businesses have become more efficient and money-saving thanks to regulations such as the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The DOE has been backsliding and removing or weakening these regulations. Rep Handy's bill provides a backstop to maintain here in Rhode Island the standards set previously by the US government and now forsaken.

This bill is an excellent approach to resisting wasteful, unreasonable, and unscientific decisions made by our current federal government. I hope you will support H7884 which will protect Rhode Island from the foolish backsliding of Trump and his band of administrators.

Thanks very much for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PTrafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Peter Trafton