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House Committee on Environment  
and Natural Resources  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: House Bill 2025 H 5487

Dear Chairperson,

As the Cranston City Council President, I would like to extend my support for bill 2025 H 5847 as introduced by Representative Read.

The Pawtuxet River traverses through multiple cities and towns, the city of Cranston being one of them. There are many tributaries and watersheds that are impacted beyond the immediate borders of the main river, so any improvements will have positive impacts on the greater watershed area as well as the main river. We have experienced record flooding in recent years with devastating impacts to infrastructure, businesses, and homes. Any steps taken to examine ways to diminish or remediate flooding is welcome.

My hope is that through the adoption of this legislation, such a study commission will give serious consideration to remediation efforts and facilitate the implementation of solutions.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

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cc: Representative Paplauskas District 15