

January 14, 2026

The Honorable David A. Bennett,  
Chairperson House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence Rhode Island 02903

RE: H7028 House Resolution Extending the Reporting Dates and Amending the  
Membership of the Special House Commission to Study and Provide Findings and  
Potential Solutions to Address the Flooding of the Pawtuxet River

Dear Chair Bennett,

I am writing on behalf of Randy Bottella, owner and operator of Reliable Collision in West Warwick, Rhode Island, in favor of H7028 and the appointment of Mr. Bottella to the expanded study commission. The work of this study commission is vital to the business owners and residents affected by flooding along the Pawtuxet River.

Randy has owned commercial and residential property in the flood prone areas along the Pawtuxet River in West Warwick for more than twenty years. He is well known, respected, and trusted, by residents and other business owners in the impacted areas. His knowledge would be invaluable to the commission and enhance trust in their work.

Flooding along the Pawtuxet River is a complex problem requiring a great deal of expertise. We urge the Environment and Natural Resources Committee to support H7028 and the appointment of Randy Bottella as business owner to the commission.

Very Truly Yours,

**Stephen Alves**

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CC: Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker Representative

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