

Testimony in support of House Bill 7532, House committee on environment and natural resources, February 26, 2026, by Peter Trafton, Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Chair Bennett and Honorable members of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I write with strong support for Rep Cortvriend's 7532 calling for a study and recommendations for effective wastewater sludge management. The costs, challenging capacity limits, and environmental impact of our sludge management callout for this study as the 1st step of urgent statewide management. This is nicely presented by the recent Rhode Island Current Article:

<https://rhodeislandcurrent.com/2026/02/25/ri-lawmakers-look-for-solution-in-a-small-state-with-a-big-problem-nowhere-to-send-sludge/>

Please support this essential study.

Thanks for considering my input.

Respectfully,

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

Peter Trafton