



Rhode Island House of Representatives
Members of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Representative David Bennett, Chair

March 11, 2026

In Support of House Bill 7183

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

I am writing today to respectfully urge you to support the Building Benchmarking and Reporting Act of 2026 (H 7183). This legislation is a necessary step towards decarbonizing our state's buildings sector and meeting our legally mandated carbon emissions goals outlined in the Act on Climate.

As a student at the University of Rhode Island and a lifelong Rhode Islander, I care deeply about our state's commitment to ensuring a clean, livable, and affordable future. Mitigating our state's climate impacts will require taking strategic, measurable steps to decarbonize. The Building Benchmarking and Reporting Act of 2026 does not demand a drastic change in how the building industry operates. By tracking where our carbon emissions are actually coming from, this legislation provides the state with the necessary information to develop an effective, implementable plan. Providence, Massachusetts, California, New York City, and other cities and states already have similar legislation in effect. Rhode Island has historically been a leader in taking steps to address climate change. Now is not the time to fall behind.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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