

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

March 11th, 2026

In Support of House Bill 7183

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

My name is Malcolm Streitfeld, an Anthropology Major and Environmental Studies Minor at RIC. I am writing today to strongly 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 building sector and meeting our legally mandated carbon emissions goals outlined in the Act on Climate. Reducing carbon emissions is important to me because I have grown to have a deep love and respect for all the animals and plants on this planet, and don't want them to suffer from increased greenhouse gases. It will take a community to help the Earth heal. The passing of this bill will put Rhode Island on the right track to being a model for a fully eco-friendly state, and with luck we can use that momentum to inspire other states to do the same. Buildings account for 30% of RI's climate emissions, the state's second largest source.

Sincerely

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