

**Trafton testimony in support of H7484. House Environment Committee March 11, 2026**

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

I'm Peter Trafton of Providence Rhode Island. As a surgeon I've spent my life trying to help people recover from severe injuries. Now I'm focusing on a bigger scale – the survival of the human race, and the remarkable planet on which we live. We know how to solve global warming – we just must do it.

This means that we must transition from fossil fuels to clean, healthy, more efficient and less costly renewable energy. To do this we need support from Rhode Island's political leaders, and thus I ask you to pass Rep Carson's 7484 which simply asks for builders of large buildings, like a new dormitory for college in Newport, to include in their planning and design a focus on the carbon emissions that will result. Without being aware, without doing the calculations, our builders may not consider the long-term results of their creation. Today's construction industry knows how to build low emission, economical buildings. They must be encouraged and rewarded for doing so.

I believe Rep Carson's bill 7484 is a significant step in this direction and urge you to vote for it as a helpful contribution to a cleaner energy future in Rhode Island.

Thanks very much for considering my support for H 7484, the Buildings Carbon Emissions Reduction Act of 2026.

Respectfully,

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

Peter Trafton