



March 11, 2026

The Honorable David Bennett, Chairman
House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H.7738, An Act Relating to Health and Safety – State Building Code

Dear Chairman Bennett:

The undersigned members of the Rhode Island Business Coalition write in support of H.7738, An Act Relating to Health and Safety – State Building Code. We thank Representative Cortvriend for introducing this legislation to ensure stability regarding the code requirements for the next several years.

Rhode Island became the first state in the nation to adopt the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), which was supported by members of the environmental and development communities alike.

H.7738 would establish a moratorium on any changes through January 1, 2031. This would provide a predictable window of time to deploy resources and train the workforce to implement the advancements made without the risk of intervening changes.

Thank you for your consideration of our position and we ask the committee to support H.7738.

Sincerely,

Associated Builders and Contractors – Rhode Island

East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce

Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce

Propane Gas Association of New England

Rhode Island Builders Association

Rhode Island Business Group on Health

Rhode Island Hospitality Association

The Rhode Island Business Coalition represents 50 industries and 6,280 businesses that employ 231,200 people throughout Rhode Island.

Rhode Island Lumber and Building Materials Dealers Association

Rhode Island Marine Trade Association

Rhode Island Staffing Association

Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit Regulations Committee

Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit Tax and Budget Committee

cc. House Environment and Natural Resources Committee