

Rep. David A. Bennett, Chair
House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
RI House of Representatives

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Support for H7738 State Building Code

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of the Committee,

We need to hold the line on building codes. If we are allowed to dilute these codes, we are going to be paying more for energy long into the future. There may be construction cost savings, but our future energy bills will eclipse the short term savings. We can't start adjusting the rules just to be convenient.

The reason the 2024 codes were adopted in Rhode Island was because they were deemed fair and reasonable for both construction expenses and energy savings. There is no reason to remove or adjust the improved construction requirements.

Please support H7738 and pass it out of committee. Thank you for reading my testimony.

Sincerely,

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