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

I am submitting testimony in **support of H 7004**.

To quote [Dr. Genevieve Gunther](#), “Who Is the *We* in “We Are Causing Climate Change?” Taxpayers are spending [billions of dollars](#) annually to subsidize the fossil fuels causing devastating drought, deadly flooding, and biodiversity loss across the globe **and at the same time** are shelling out [trillions of dollars](#) a year to clean up the catastrophic damages due to global warming.

To put it bluntly, we are funding our own demise.

Vermont, New York, and Maryland have recognized the absurdity and unsustainability of this system. They've passed legislation similar to H 7004 that allows for the recovery of financial damages from fossil fuel companies for costs due to climate change. It's time for Rhode Island to do the same.

Please pass this bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Thank you,

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