

Trafton Testimony Supporting H 7081, House Environment Committee March 25, 2026

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

I'm Peter Trafton from Providence Rhode Island writing with strong support for the Next Generations Public Buildings Act, H7081, by Rep Boylan and colleagues.

This bill should be recognized as confirmation, support, and enforcement of the policy so often referred to as "Lead by Example".

Rhode Island continues to construct or make major renovations in state and municipal buildings. Fossil fuels are now more expensive than renewable energy and are steadily becoming more so. Renewables are healthier and safer for our citizens. These are true, though argued against by lobbyists and merchants of petroleum and methane. I strongly believe that it is the duty of our General Assembly to accept the evidence that renewable energy is the only responsible way forward for our public buildings. Thus, I firmly support H7081, and hope that you will "lead by example" and advance this bill.

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PTrafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "P" and "T" being particularly prominent.

Peter Trafton