

**Trafton Testimony Supporting H 7344, 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 H7344 to create a permanent commission on climate change impacts and solutions, by Reps Cortvriend, Spears, and Boylan.

Climate change impacts are just becoming recognized as already here, and getting worse. We know that they are caused by burning fossil fuels and filling our atmosphere with greenhouse gases. We know that we must stop doing this, but sadly sufficient political will is lacking. As a result, the increasing damage to our planet and especially to the ocean state is a problem that we must live with and do our best to offer solutions. This is not a small task, it's a tremendous one. It will be very costly, and it will be with us for generations. Clearly a permanent commission to address impacts and solutions of climate change is not only desirable but essential. It is the only responsible way forward.

Thus, I urge you to pass this resolution 7344 without further ado and see that the House of Representatives moves it forward.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

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

Peter Trafton