

**Trafton Testimony Supporting H 7991, House Environment Committee March 25, 2026**

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

This is Peter Trafton of Providence Rhode Island writing in strong support for H7991, by Rep Cortvriend and colleagues. Their bill recognizes the current threats to our environment by the impacts of climate change, particularly those due to stormwater and sea level rise. It emphasizes the importance of identifying and prioritizing solutions based on natural attributes of our coastal environments. This approach is well based on the cultural and scientific understanding of our coastline thanks to the work of many Rhode Island scientists and naturalists.

Hopefully these will prove effective and less costly than the alternatives.

Please help pass H7991 by approving it in your committee and move it on to the full House.

Thanks 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