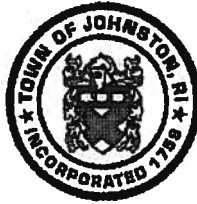


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Honorable Rep Abney, Chair
House Finance Committee
House of Representatives
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Abney,

The Town of Johnston was fortunate to have received a Municipal Resilience Program Action Grant from the RI Infrastructure Bank. This funding will help us design a solution to one of the many stormwater drainage problems the town faces. Without this critical financial assistance, we would not be able to start addressing the mounting challenges presented by climate change.

The storms of July 4th, September 12th, December 18th and January 10th were devastating to Johnston; citizens were forced out of their homes, businesses were closed and our critical infrastructure was damaged. With the increasing occurrence of these extreme weather events, local communities need assistance in developing plans to address the problem and in carrying out the solutions. More than ever, resources are needed to combat the rising threats to our community's basic infrastructure and well-being.

We strongly support the proposed \$10MM Green Bond, which will continue to finance resilient infrastructure improvements that safeguard public health, public safety, and private property.

Sincerely,


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