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

Dear Chairman,

The City of Central Falls was fortunate to have received two Municipal Resilience Program Action Grants from the RI Infrastructure Bank to construct green stormwater infrastructure that will reduce the occurrence of local street flooding and minimize runoff into the combined sewer overflow. These projects, which are typical of the measures our community is taking to address the mounting challenges presented by climate change, would not be possible without this critical financial assistance.

Recurring extreme weather events have severely impacted our residents, businesses, and essential public infrastructure. More than ever, resources are needed to combat the rising threats to our community's basic infrastructure and well-being.

I 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,

Maria Rivera
Mayor