

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

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

Dear Chairman,

The Town of Middletown was fortunate to have received a Municipal Resilience Program Action Grant from the RI Infrastructure Bank for floodproofing the Paradise Avenue Pump Station project. This financial assistance is a critical resource in our community's ability to address the mounting challenges presented by climate change.

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.

With best regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Shawn J. Brown, CFE, CPA Town Administrator