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The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Rhode Island State Representative &
Chair, House Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**RE: Letter of Support – Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank’s *Municipal Resilience Program Action Grants*
\$10MM Green Bond for Financing Resilient Infrastructure Improvements**

Dear Mr. Chair,

The Town of Warren is fortunate to have received a *Municipal Resilience Program Action Grant* from the RI Infrastructure Bank as announced earlier this year. This financial assistance will help complete the final phase of the Jamiel’s Park Restoration Project. The project is the first implementation of the Town’s *Market to Metacom Climate Resilience & Economic Development Plan*. The project consists of:

- Creating a living shoreline and salt marsh restoration of 1,000 feet of Belcher Cove – an estuary area of Narragansett Bay.
- Proper capping and stabilization of a former landfill.
- Provision of additional recreational and waterfront access for all Town residents but especially for the adjacent residential neighborhoods that include federally recognized “disadvantaged” citizens.

When completed, the project outcome will be included as one of the Town’s critical resource success stories testifying to the Town’s ability to address mounting climate change challenges including in areas that warrant “environmental justice” consideration. However, we couldn’t chalk it up to success without the fiscal assistance from the *Municipal Resilience Program Action Grant*.

Increasingly recurring extreme weather events impact our Town and essential infrastructure. But more resources are needed to combat the rising threats to our community’s basic infrastructure and well-being. To that end, **the Town of Warren supports the proposed \$10MM Green Bond, that will continue to finance resilient infrastructure improvements like Warren is currently witnessing.**

Sincerely,

Roy Borges

Interim Town Manager & Police Chief

cc: The Honorable June Speakman, Rhode Island State Representative
The Honorable Jason Knight, Rhode Island State Representative
The Honorable Walter S. Felag, Jr., Rhode Island State Senator