May 23, 2024

To the Members of the Finance Committee:

I am writing to express my own support for H8285, "Making an Appropriation of \$3,000,000 to 25 Bough, LLC to support the completion of the initial phase of renovation to certain property located in Providence," and I am asking you to do the same.

Funding this project will have significant positive impact in our community and is a worthy investment in our collective future. Developing this property will boost access to affordable housing; will offer out-of-school learning opportunities for our youth that prepare them for productive futures in STEM and Blue Economy jobs; will bring anchor tenants that will be a catalyst for economic growth in our Community; and will offer a home for community organizations for programming, events, and cultural growth.

I hope Committee members will look at this investment favorably and provide the seed funding to unlock the tremendous potential for this project.

Sincerely,

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