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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in strong support of House Resolution #5789, introduced by Representative Chris Paplauskas, to fund much-needed improvements to Meshanticut State Park.

My wife and I both grew up in Cranston, and when it came time to raise our own family, we chose the Meshanticut area specifically because of the strong sense of community and the park at its heart. Meshanticut Lake and the surrounding park have become part of our daily routine—we take walks there nearly every day, sharing exercise and a love of nature with our two young children.

The park offers more than just green space—it provides connection, reflection, and a chance for our kids to experience wildlife up close. Watching them delight in ducks, squirrels, and rabbits, seeing the lake through their eyes—it's an experience we value deeply.

That said, the park is in clear need of attention. The walking path, in particular, has become difficult to navigate with strollers, wagons, and scooters. Cracks and uneven pavement limit access for young families and older residents alike. With basic improvements and repaving, Meshanticut could be an even more welcoming and functional space for the community.

I wholeheartedly support House Resolution #5789 and encourage the state to allocate funding to improve this treasured local resource. These enhancements would preserve and expand a space that brings joy, health, and connection to countless families like mine.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Campopiano