

February 11, 2026

The Honorable Marvin Abney  
Chair, House Committee on Finance  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903

Subject: Letter of Support for Rhode Island College Bond Proposals for the Adams Library Project and for Residential Life Renovations

Dear Chairman Abney:

The Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner supports Rhode Island College in its proposal for a bond issue to fund renovation and the construction of a Student Success and Career Readiness Center at the Adams Library, and an auxiliary bond for Residential Life Renovations.

The Student Success and Career Readiness Center at Adams Library will be a centralized, one-stop shop for career exploration, academic advising, tutoring, digital learning resources and employer engagement. Providing these key services are critical to ensuring the students at Rhode Island College have the supports they need to be successful both within their programs, and beyond.

The residential life renovations would encompass improvements to five resident halls including critical infrastructure and safety improvements, along with aesthetic updates that will enhance on-campus student life. These improvements go beyond just providing students with a safe and healthy living environment; on-campus housing plays a vital role in supporting students, fostering a strong campus community and enriching student life.

In both these efforts, RIC continues to demonstrate excellence and leadership in their efforts to offer student-centered education, which leads to student success both during college and after graduation.

Respectfully,



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Commissioner of Postsecondary Education

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance  
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