



COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
OF RHODE ISLAND

February 17, 2026

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

*RE: February 11, 2026 House Committee on Finance Hearing Follow Up*

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Committee on Finance;

Thank you for the opportunity to present CCRI's request for a \$60 million general obligation bond to construct a Workforce Innovation Center. During the February 11 hearing, Representative Cortvriend inquired about the college's clean energy programs and the enrollment trend in this space.

*CCRI's primary clean energy program is the Global Wind Organisation (GWO) Training Facility, which was launched in March 2024 to support Rhode Island's offshore wind industry and the broader renewable energy sector. The Global Wind Organization is an international non-profit industry association that has developed training standards for new and existing technicians to improve both safety and productivity across the wind and solar industries. Since opening, the facility has positioned CCRI as a regional hub for industry-recognized safety and technical training aligned with employer needs.*

*The GWO program serves both individuals entering the offshore wind field and employer-sponsored cohorts, with class sizes ranging from 6 to 12 trainees. Full certification consists of five modules delivered over approximately 35 hours, with new cohorts offered every two weeks. Recertification and module-specific enrollment is also available. Since March 2024, the program has experienced steady enrollment and has trained a total of 233 students.*

*This program delivers industry-recognized credentials required for offshore deployment, strengthens the regional renewable energy workforce pipeline, and positions CCRI to support evolving clean energy workforce needs.*

Please let me know if you or the committee have additional questions,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Rosemary A. Costigan'.

Rosemary A. Costigan, PhD., RN  
President

CC: House Committee on Finance Members  
Christopher O'Brien, Committee Clerk  
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