

Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee:

Re: HB 7127 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

I am Daniel Liparini, a resident of North Kingstown, and I am writing in support of all of our fellow Rhode Islanders who need help keeping themselves safe in their own residences. Thus, I am writing in support of the captioned bill.

We all recognize the financial issues facing Rhode Island in the upcoming fiscal year. But Rhode Island has many choices that can be made to meet these issues. Seniors, who are for the most part living on fixed incomes, also have choices – but few of the choices involve ways to raise their income. Rather, when presented with rising electricity and gas bills, their choices are very stark – turn down the heat and turn off the lights or give up something else – which in many cases may mean cutting back on medications or even quality food.

This is not a choice they should have to make. They've worked their entire lives within our communities and deserve a secure and safe retirement.

Please support this legislation.

Daniel Liparini