

Honorable Chairman Marvin Abney  
House Finance Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

March 5, 2026

RE: House Bill 7127 Article 6 Question 5

Position: FOR (Support of a green Bond with the following requests for funding)

Dear Chairman Abney and Committee Members:

As Secretary of the Scituate Sustainability Committee and a member of the Scituate Conservation Commission, I respectfully ask you to add \$10,000 to Article 6 Question 5 in HB7127. I am involved in maintaining and actively using for recreation the Lawton Farm, which the Land Trust owns and the Conservation Commission helps manage. There are also three other properties that the Land Trust owns and/or manage for recreation in Scituate which have benefited from other Green Bonds.

I strongly support the addition of \$10 million to the Green Bond as follows:

\$3 million for the State Open Space Program

\$3 million for Outdoor Recreation Grants

\$2 million for Farmland Preservation

\$2 million fro the Local Open Space Grant Program

Our work in sustainability and land conservation are hugely reliant on funding from green bond money funding to maintain these open spaces as well as keeping the watershed area for the Providence Water Supply Reservoir that is in the middle of Scituate which benefits a majority of the population of the state with clean water.

Thank You,

Sincerely

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