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Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
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Dear Honorable Rhode Island Senators and Representatives,

I am writing to express my strong support for Green Bond H8144, which will provide critical funding to the Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England for the development of the Mariner Cabin and Program Center at Camp Rocky Farm in Newport.

As a Mariner Girl Scout, I learn valuable skills such as leadership, teamwork, environmental stewardship, and confidence on and off the water. Through hands-on experiences, I have developed an appreciation for marine science, navigation, and maritime safety, while also gaining a deeper understanding of how our oceans and coastal ecosystems function. These opportunities have shaped my personal growth and inspired me to explore future pathways in fields that are still underrepresented by women.

The Mariner Cabin would expand access to these experiences by providing a safe, modern, and accessible space for year-round programming. Its focus on immersive learning- from oceanography and sustainable fisheries to boatbuilding and climate resilience—will empower girls with practical skills and knowledge that extend far beyond the classroom. Hosting approximately 500 visitors yearly, the center will contribute to the local economy by supporting lodging, dining, transportation, and seasonal employment, strengthening the Aquidneck Island community.

I believe the preservation of green space is important because it protects natural habitats, supports biodiversity, and ensures that future generations can experience and learn from the environment firsthand. Outdoor spaces like Camp Rocky Farm are essential classrooms where young people can connect with nature, understand the impacts of climate change, and develop a sense of responsibility for protecting our planet. And it is fun to explore our world!! To see what is there and be a part of the world and nature. I love when I get to learn by being outside in nature and doing things.

Green Bond H8144 represents an investment not only in infrastructure, but in education, environmental stewardship, and the future of young women. I respectfully urge your support for this important initiative.

Sincerely yours in Scouting,
Azalea