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### **Testimony in support of House Bill 8144**

Dear Chairman Abney:

I am writing in support of \$17.5 Million in additional conservation funding in the FY 2027 Green Economy Bond, especially \$10 Million for conservation programs.

As a resident of Rhode Island who values our natural resources, I strongly support increasing the Green Economy Bond funding. One of my favorite parts of our state is our easily accessible parks and land trusts, where I often hike. As climate change worsens, it's critical that we continue to protect our conservation lands and green infrastructure. Additionally, I value our local food system and think that increasing land access for farmers is a critical need. The Green Economy Bond is a solution that can address all of these issues.

I am especially concerned about the preservation of land in Rhode Island and support the inclusion of \$3 Million for the State Open Space Program to acquire and conserve lands of statewide interest and significance, including ecologically valuable land that enhances DEM's management areas, parks and important forest lands.

**I urge the committee to include \$17.5 Million in additional funding for the FY 2027 Green Economy Bond, including \$10 Million for conservation programs.** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Tremblay