

My name is Maureen Greichen. I am a member of the Board of Directors of Fort Adams Trust and a lifelong resident of Aquidneck Island. I grew up in the fifth ward and have family still in that area of Newport who like me, support Fort Adams.

I would like to express my support of House Bill 8144 section 1 which would direct 5 million in Green Economy and Clean Energy Bond funding to preserve, restore and improve public accessibility of Fort Adams.

For 200 years Fort Adams has graced our landscape. As the largest coastal fortification in the United States, it is a historic landmark that is unique and irreplaceable. Maintaining its historical significance and the safety requirements necessary to welcome the public requires ongoing and urgent preservation.

Fort Adams Trust members have worked tirelessly to fund the restoration and we expect to continue in this endeavor. The scope of work still needed to ensure safety and historic preservation is daunting. The 5 million investment from HB144 would enable the Trust to continue this work and safely open additional areas of the Fort to the public.

I ask for your support in advancing HB 8144. Thank you in advance.

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