

SUPPORT FOR H8144

April 14, 2026

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I am writing in support of H8144, specifically for the \$5M earmarked for the preservation, restoration and public accessibility of Fort Adams. As Secretary of the Board of the Fort Adams Trust, and as a longtime resident of Newport, RI, I can attest that this funding is essential to ensure that Fort Adams can survive as a unique historic and publicly accessible landmark for another 200 years. The Fort Adams Trust, guided by our strategic plan, is working diligently to increase funding towards the preservation, restoration and public accessibility. Support from this bond is a critical investment in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Patricia Putney

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