

To: Chairman Marvin Abney, House Finance Committee

From: Anthony Brunetti

Re: SUPPORT House Bill No. 8151, the Blue Wave Bond

Date: April 19, 2026

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the Committee,

My name is Anthony Brunetti and I live in Narragansett, RI. I strongly believe that there is a critical need for \$100 Million in bonds to fund coastal preparedness and resilience projects. Therefore, I SUPPORT House Bill 8151. Our 400+ miles of coastline in Rhode Island is extremely vulnerable to the effects of climate change. In addition, the community where I reside in Narragansett is called Harbour Island. The causeway that provided ingress and egress for approximately 350 residents consistently floods during storm and King tides and is becoming increasingly more dangerous with each passing year. Additionally, our lands surrounding inland waters are also increasingly vulnerable to recurring flooding. The Blue Wave Bond would fund critical coastal preparedness and resilience projects, including shoreline protection, flood mitigation, stormwater and wastewater upgrades, protection of critical facilities, port and working waterfront resilience, and workforce preparedness and training programs to support resilience-related jobs and infrastructure investments. As we feel the effects of climate change in coming years, these types of projects will be increasingly important to protect the lives and livelihoods of Rhode Islanders. Thank for taking the time to read this letter! I am urgently asking that you support H 8151, the \$100 Million Blue Wave Bond.

Best Regards,

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