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Hello, I am writing in support of H 8144 particularly for the environmental provisions.

The Green Economy and Clean Energy provisions (\$50 million) are among the bill's most important components from a long-term perspective. The \$20 million Resilient Rhody Infrastructure Fund will help municipalities prepare for the flooding and storm events that are already increasing in frequency and severity. The \$7 million for Narragansett Bay watershed restoration is essential for protecting both our ecological heritage and the commercial and recreational fisheries that depend on it. As a Rhode Islander, I know firsthand how central the Bay and its tributaries are to our identity, our economy, and our sense of place — and how much work remains to restore and protect them.

Thank you,
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