



May 6, 2026

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chair, House Finance Committee

Re: Bill H. 7504, An Act Relating to Taxation – Catastrophe Savings Accounts Act

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of its member credit unions, the Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc. (“Association”) appreciates the opportunity to share its support for H. 7504, the Catastrophe Savings Accounts Act. The Association is the state trade association representing approximately 200 state and federally-chartered credit unions located in the states of Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Rhode Island’s fourteen credit unions serve over 480,000 consumer members in Rhode Island.

The Association supports H. 7504 because it will help Rhode Island residents save money to pay insurance deductibles or pay for home repairs to fix damage to the borrower’s primary residence caused by catastrophes such as hurricanes, floods, windstorms, hailstorms, ice storms, and other weather-related disaster emergencies as well as earthquakes. These funds would be set aside in a “regular savings or money market account” designated as a catastrophe savings account that would be tax-advantaged under state law.

Major storms like hurricanes, blizzards, and nor’easters are not uncommon in Rhode Island, and can potentially devastate entire communities in a matter of hours as well as cause hundreds of millions or billions of dollars in property damage. Catastrophe savings accounts would help homeowners be better prepared for when disaster strikes by having money already saved up and available to pay insurance deductibles or to pay for repairs.

Rhode Island credit unions are likely to offer their mortgage borrowers catastrophe savings accounts if this bill becomes law. Credit unions nearly always offer regular savings accounts and many also offer money market accounts. In addition to helping protect consumers, mortgage borrowers setting aside money to cover insurance deductibles or home repair costs after a disaster should also reduce credit risk to credit unions and other lenders by helping protect the value of the home as collateral.

We urge the House to pass H. 7504 to authorize catastrophe savings accounts. Thank you for the opportunity to convey the Association’s support for H. 7504. If you have any questions or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Association at (508) 481-6755 or [govaff-reg@ccua.org](mailto:govaff-reg@ccua.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald McLean", written in a cursive style.

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