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Subject: Testimony in favor of Articles 4 & 5 (Question 1 only)

Dear Chairman Abney & members of the Finance committee,

I'd would like to strongly urge you to support the Governor's proposed budget recommendations in Article 4 first, continuing the financing of multiple projects for URI's facilities and Utility service infrastructure upgrades. All told these projects would require less than \$3 million of continued debt financing by the state in order to make sure our flagship Universities facilities and utilities continue to be in top-knotch form. Secondly, I also urge you to strongly consider the Governor's proposed \$62 million Higher Education bond. In order for both URI to expand its marine sciences program as the Blue Economy exponenetially grows, and CCRI to continue modernizing, I don't doubt that this question will be overwhelmingly supported by the voters in November, myself included. I also strongly support the use of \$20 million from the ARPA Capital Project Fund in order to create a new one-stop student services building for the RIC community. Consolidating services like Financial aid and academic records will undoubtedly make many student's lives easier after a period of several beyond stressful years.

Thank You,

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