



Honorable Evan P. Shanley
Online Data Transparency and Privacy Protection Commission
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

March 29, 2021

RE: H. 6055-Creates consumer legislation designed to limit in-application payments for software applications and purchases.

Chairperson Shanley,

The undersigned members of the Rhode Island Business Coalition oppose RE: H. 6055-Creates consumer legislation designed to limit in-application payments for software applications and purchases. While this act would provide protections to the developers of software applications, concerning their use and payment for their purchase, we have concerns with this legislation.

This legislation creates a question as to how a Rhode Island law controls national services. Is a requirement in Rhode Island able to be enforced and who will it be enforced on? The law implies that a national platform would have to carve out a Rhode Island requirement. What are the impacts on local businesses that create applications? How does a policy in Rhode Island shape national policy around this effort?

We request that no further action be taken on this legislation and it should be referred to the Rhode Island Online Data Transparency and Privacy Protection Commission.

Sincerely,

Associated Builders and Contractors of Rhode Island – Maureen E. Grillo, President
Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce – Kristin Urbach, President/CEO
Rhode Island Hospitality Association – Dale J. Venturini, President/CEO
Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit – Grafton Willey, Tax and Budget Committee Chairman
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association – David M. Chenevert, Executive Director
Rhode Island Lumber and Building Materials Dealers Association – Kirk Ives, Regional Director