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Subject: Letter from Mark R. Allio, Co-Conservation Chair of the Appalachian Mountain Club Narragansett Chapter- OPPOSING Bill number (H5905) 03-10-25

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Dear Chairman Robert Craven and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Mark Allio, a resident of Providence, and I serve as the Co-Conservation Chair of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Narragansett Chapter. In this role, I work closely with a number of colleagues in land and water conservation organizations throughout Rhode Island, including the RI Land Trust Council, Rhode Island Rivers Council, Save The Bay, Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA), and others to name a few.

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposed House Bill No. 5905 which seeks to remove Liability from Cities, and Municipalities RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS.

The Appalachian Mountain Club is the nation's oldest and largest outdoor recreation and education non-profit organization in the country, and its Narragansett Chapter includes over 3,000 members and Rhode Island Residents who use Rhode Island public city, town, municipal, state, and federal lands and waters on a daily basis for fishing, hunting, camping, and all manners of outdoor recreation.

If H5905 is passed, it would:

- Partially or fully close the municipal or state lands that we manage or recreate on
- Discourage state and municipal initiatives/funding sources to protect open spaces for outdoor recreation
- Discourage state and municipal land trust efforts to develop trails and public recreational use of the land they are protecting

I urge the committee to oppose H5905 to ensure that state and municipal lands are protected and stay open for public use and recreation.

Thank you and the committee for hearing our concerns.

Respectfully yours,

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