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House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing
State House
Providence, RI 02903
HouseMunicipalGovernmentandHousing@rilegislature.gov

RE: 2022 H-7144 - An Act Relating to Taxation – Property Subject to Taxation – Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Old and Ancient Rowers Society of Rhode Island located in North Kingstown.

Dear Members of The House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing:

I am the Secretary of the Old and Ancient Rowers Society of Rhode Island O.A.R.S. of R.I. (“OARS of RI”), and submit the within testimony in support of House Bill No. 7144. The proposed bill would exempt the real and tangible personal property of OARS of RI from taxation.

OARS of RI is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting all past and present members of the University of Rhode Island crew team in their educational and athletic endeavors. OARS of RI further provides opportunities for all ages to get involved in the rowing community. OARS of RI owns real property located at 166 Walmsley Lane, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852, which is where the crew boats and equipment are stored. This facility allows student-athletes to stay in shape, maintain and restore their boats and equipment, practice and train, as well as host events on the Narrow River. OARS of RI serves no purpose of profit and is maintained solely by charitable donations from URI alumni, friends of the University of Rhode Island, as well as others.

As non-profit organization, the proposed bill will help OARS of RI to continue to offer substantial opportunities for the students and alumni of the University of Rhode Island, as well as the citizens of the State of Rhode Island to get involved in rowing.

Sincerely,



Chris Yun