



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE

Submitted via email

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Representative Stephen M. Casey
Chair, House Municipal Government and Housing Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H. 7978 — Subdivision of Land

Dear Chair Casey and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support on House Bill 7978, Subdivision of Land. The Executive Office of Commerce and Rhode Island Commerce Corporation are in favor of expanding the state's successful E-Permitting initiative to support digital submissions for the entire lifecycle of a development application.

As the Secretary of Commerce, I am proud to be a champion for the digitization of government processes to create more cost-efficient, transparent, and responsive services that better serve the needs of all Rhode Islanders and contribute to overall socioeconomic development. The E-permitting platform's proven success in reducing red tape demonstrates its potential to further streamline interactions between applicants and government agencies, promoting a more business-friendly environment.

On behalf of the Executive Office of Commerce and Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, I encourage passage of House Bill 7978. This bill represents a step forward in continuing to streamline processes, increase accessibility, reduce costs, improve transparency and efficiency, enhance communication, positively impact the environment, and foster economic growth by implementing measures to digitize the subdivision of land process. Further, the continued move to digital government and permitting will improve data accessibility and transparency at the state government level, making it easier to do business with the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth M. Tanner".

Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq.
Secretary of Commerce

CC. Honorable Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee
The Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House
Dawn Huntley, Committee Clerk
Nicole McCarty, Chief Legal Counsel