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Attn: Representative Casey, Chair, House Municipal Government & Housing Committee Members

Testimony on H 5310

An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government- Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust Fund Act
Before the House Municipal Government & Housing Committee and Committee Members

Rhode Island Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental grassroots organization of farm families united to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans, and to build strong, prosperous agricultural communities. Today our over 1000 members are not only large farmers and small farmers but also those engaged in agricultural industries, teachers of agriculture, and consumers.

The Rhode Island Farm Bureau supports the restructuring of the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Board as outlined in **H 5310** and appreciates Representative Speakman's leadership on this issue. As the state's largest farm organization, we would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Board to represent the interests of family farms. We look forward to further discussions on this matter with Representative Speakman.

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