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

Dear Chair Casey,

I write today in support of House Bill 8297 introduced by Representative Read.

This legislation will amend the re-filing process for rules and regulations under the Administrative Procedures Act by simplifying it to an online attestation that confirms the rules and regulations remain active and effective.

With this bill, our agency will have the ability to succinctly communicate to the public all active rules, as of the day of publishing, in a single list rather than requiring that each rule be searched, selected, and viewed individually by a constituent. This will also remove public confusion caused by re-promulgating all individual regulations without changes.

If this legislation does not pass, the Department would be required to undertake the re-filing of all applicable rules and regulations, creating a substantial and unnecessary administrative burden and diverting staff resources from other operational priorities

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee and the full House to support House Bill 8297. This legislation will promote greater government efficiency by streamlining the statutory compliance process and reducing duplicative administrative work associated with rule re-filing requirements.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Chief of Government Affairs, Keith Murray, keith.murray@dlt.ri.gov or 401-462-8021.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Weldon
Director

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee
The Honorable Earl A. Read
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