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Office of the Director

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The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee Chairperson, House Committee on Small Business Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: H7210 CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE IMPACT OF EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE CREATION OF NEW BUSINESSES, AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVISE LAWS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS

Dear Chairperson McEntee:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Business Regulation in support of H7210.

H7210 would establish a special legislative commission with the purpose of studying the current business landscape and providing recommendations for a comprehensive set of policy and legislative measures to elevate innovation as an economic development priority and a key to economic recovery and resiliency. As the Director of the Department of Business Regulation, I look forward to working with the Commission to provide insights on our interactions with businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth M. Tanner Director, Department of Business Regulation

cc: Members, House Committee on Small Business