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Dear Chairwoman McEntee & members of the Small Business committee,

The committee should strongly support your colleague Rep. Cortvriend's bill to start including the data analysis of climate change, coastal resiliency and sea-level rise into the considerations of long-term economic development planning, as we must do looking forward. Climate change poses an existential threat to our precariously positioned state, and it is exactly why our economic development strategies have to reflect the importance of addressing it. However this bill doesn't just position for the worst, but the best out of what addressing the climate moment can bring Rhode Island, in new industries, technologies, and good-paying jobs. The bill also importantly adds the Directors of DEM & CRMC to the economic development planning council, as their important agency perspectives should have been included all along. The committee should swiftly pass this bill.

Thank You,

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