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Representative Evan Shanley, Chair
Chair, House State Government & Elections
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: House 7469 – An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Interstate Compact on
Industrialized/Modular Buildings

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in support of House bill H7469, which would repeal the Interstate Compact on Industrialized/Modular Buildings.

I am writing to you as the founder and CEO of Looie [looiie.app], a Rhode Island-based company committed to redefining public restroom facilities through sustainable, accessible, innovative, and portable solutions. As a proud Brown University graduate, member of the University Club in Providence, active participant in the RIHUB incubator, member of the Newport Chamber of Commerce, and an employer of interns from Brown University's PRIME@Work program, I am deeply invested in the prosperity and well-being of Rhode Island.

I am reaching out to express my strong support for the passage of House Bill No. 7469, an act relating to the Interstate Compact on Industrialized/Modular Buildings. The current legislation, which mandates extensive oversight of industrialized/modular buildings, significantly hinders our ability to efficiently deploy Looie units across Rhode Island.

For instance, under the existing regulations, our efforts to install Looie units at local festivals and community events have been met with protracted approval processes and regulatory hurdles. These barriers not only delay our services but also impede our mission to provide accessible, eco-friendly restroom solutions to Rhode Islanders. Furthermore, the stringent oversight has affected our plans to establish a pilot program in downtown Providence, aimed at serving the city's bustling tourist and business districts. This initiative, designed to showcase Looie's positive impact on urban environments, has been put on hold due to the current legislative constraints.

The passage of this legislation would remove the burdensome requirements and restrictions placed upon my business, which currently makes it impossible to bring my product to Rhode Island. Rhode Island has the opportunity to foster a more entrepreneurial-friendly environment, encouraging innovation and sustainability. The repeal of this section of law would not only enable Looie to expand its operations and contribute to the state's economy but also align with Rhode Island's goals of environmental stewardship and enhanced public amenities.

As we aim to make Rhode Island Looie's headquarters and a launchpad for our national and international expansion, we respectfully urge the consideration of the repeal of the Interstate Compact on Industrialized/Modular Buildings. Doing so would pave the way for Looie and similar ventures to thrive in Rhode Island, creating jobs, promoting sustainability, and improving the quality of life for its residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your consideration of my position on this legislation. I am eager to contribute to the vibrant future of Rhode Island and am hopeful for your support in passing House Bill No. 7469.

Sincerely,

Cutler Whitely
Founder/CEO, Looie

cc. **Members of the House State Government & Elections**