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The Honorable Representative Evan P. Shanley  
Chairperson, House Committee on State Government & Elections  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: H 5522 – AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

Dear Chairperson Shanley:

Thank you for providing the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the opportunity to submit comments in response to House Bill No. 5522. This bill's proposed amendments to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) would require that, at least 30 days before filing a final regulation with the office of the Rhode Island Secretary of State (SOS), State agencies provide members of the General Assembly the notice of proposed rulemaking via email. The bill would also require State agencies to provide members of the General Assembly a copy of each certified final rule within 20 days of filing such rule.

We respectfully note that these proposed amendments to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) are duplicative of an existing regulatory notification system that is centrally coordinated through the SOS website. This free, subscription-based notification system enables users to receive timely email alerts of APA-governed rulemaking actions (e.g., issuance of notice of proposed rulemaking, filing of final rules, circulation of advance notice of proposed rulemaking) taken by State agencies. Additionally, any member of the General Assembly can register their email address to receive daily notifications of such changes proposed under or finalized within the Rhode Island Code of Regulations, the State's repository of regulations created under the APA.

OMB believes this existing notification system meets the intent of the bill, streamlining the process for all stakeholders and promoting transparency without introducing additional statutory requirements.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our comments on this legislation with the Committee. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Daniels". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Daniels" clearly distinguishable.

Brian Daniels  
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cc: The Honorable Rep. Arthur J. Corvese  
The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government & Elections  
Steven Sepe, House Committee Clerk  
Nicole McCarty, Chief Legal Counsel, Speaker's Office