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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
Cc: Rep. Edwards, John G.
Subject: Support Bill H. 5453

Dear Chair Shanley and members of the committee, I am writing in support of Bill H. 5453 for the following reasons:

- 1) The failures of the current CRMC as currently configured to respond quickly and without bias are well-known and problematic.
- 2) Placement of authority for the protection of coastal waters and determination of permitted uses within those environments under the supervision of the Director RIDEM provides a level of thorough, professional review and decision-making not currently available.
- 3) Coastal waters and salt water marsh lands are a vitally important resource in RI, which require comprehensive resource management and protection for the many benefits they provide as wildlife habitats and as preserved, natural areas.

I urge you to support H5453.

Thank you for your attention.

Kind regards,

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