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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley
Chairperson - House Committee on State Government and Elections
Rhode Island House of Representatives
82 Smith Street
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RE: H 8297 - An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Administrative Procedures

Dear Chairperson Shanley:

Thank you for providing the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with the opportunity to submit comments in support of House Bill No. 8297. This bill would repeal the section of law relating to the periodic refiling of regulations and replace it with an attestation system to confirm that agency regulations are active and effective.

Currently under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), agencies must refile all their active regulations with the Secretary of State (SOS) every five years. The next required refile will occur in January 2027. This bill would instead require agencies to submit a notice to SOS every fifth year that lists all its lawfully adopted regulations that are in effect and attests that the agency reviewed these regulations. This change aims to reduce administrative burden on both regulating agencies and SOS, while still ensuring that agencies periodically review all their promulgated regulations.

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,

Brian Daniels

Director, Office of Management and Budget

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections
The Honorable Earl A. Read, III
Nicole McCarty, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House
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