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Dear Chairman Shanley,

I have watched CRMC do what they want when they wantlike the saying its who you know &&&&& what about the wall that was built @ the golf course even thro they were told not too & years later they havn,t not done anything to remove it //with no pentalies . I have lived most of my life on or near the water . an over the years CRMC keeps coming an not in a good wayTime for a positive change in the Ocean State ,. have them to under the DEM

The General Assembly needs to take meaningful steps to reform CRMC. The so-called reform law passed last year has not been implemented and simply changing who serves on the politically-appointed Council will not change what is a fundamentally flawed and inefficient structure.

Senate bill 3082 (McKenney) and House bill 7996 (Edwards) would create a more efficient and better-resourced coastal agency by eliminating the appointed Council and merging CRMC staff into the Department of Environmental Management. The new Bureau of Coastal Resources Management would bring Rhode Island in line with most other coastal states, give coastal resources access to shared legal and administrative resources and result in more timely and efficient permitting decisions.

Please prioritize our coastal resources and pass S3082 and H7996. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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