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**From:** bounce@bounce.votervoice.net on behalf of Tom Guerin <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:55 AM  
**To:** House State Government and Elections Committee  
**Subject:** Reform CRMC, Pass H7996

Dear Chairman Shanley,

For the "Ocean State" to have its most important natural resource mismanaged by the most useless remnant of old time "good ol' boy" cronyism is absurdly astounding!

Therefor 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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