

**Trafton testimony supporting H2765, 4 Senate commerce committee meeting 3.10. 2026**

Dear Chair Britto and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I'm Peter Trafton from Providence Rhode Island. I write with strong support for Sen. DiPalma's Green Buildings Act, S2765.

The current members of the Green Buildings Advisory Committee, including their chair, Kenneth Filarski, have reviewed and endorsed the draft of the proposed Green buildings Act. The proposed act is comprehensive and holistic and will greatly improve Rhode Island's efforts to take advantage of the remarkably successful LEED program to ensure environmental friendliness with valuable efficiencies for our state. LEED certified standards are highly regarded by architects, engineers, builders, and building owners. It is time for Rhode Island to take LEED seriously and make it our standard as well.

When my daughter qualified as a LEED consultant under the US Green Building Council and worked in New York City for several years in that capacity, I was privileged to hear from her directly about her knowledge and applying it to many significant buildings. This program is a fully developed powerful system for taking advantage of the knowledge that leads to environmentally sound buildings. We must use those standards here and our efforts deserve to be managed by our own Green Buildings Advisory Commission, with a strong Chairperson. Rather than lost within our state's Department of Administration, the Commission should be within the State Building Office or Building Code Commission of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, as specified.

Please support the overdue passage of the Green Buildings Act and help bring Rhode Island into the era of environmentally optimal building construction.

Thanks very much for considering my input.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PTrafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Peter Trafton