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The Honorable Robert Britto
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Commerce
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: SB2765 – An Act Relating To Public Property And Works -- The Green Buildings Act

Dear Chair Britto:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Business Regulation to assist the Committee with consideration of SB2765. This bill would transform the Green Buildings Advisory Committee (Department of Administration currently provides administrative assistance) into the Green Buildings Act Commission, staffed and funded by the Department's State Building Office, with full power and authority to promulgate regulations, establish subcommittees and bylaws, and apply for funding from public and private sources.

This bill would create a new 17-member Commission within the Department's State Building Office. The Department would require one (1) new chief level division SME/manager FTE (estimated cost, including benefits is \$250,000 per FTE), one (1) new administrative level FTE (estimated cost, including benefits is \$150,000 per FTE), one (1) new legal counsel FTE (estimated cost, including benefits is \$150,000 to \$250,000 per FTE), and one (1) new CFO FTE (estimated cost, including benefits is \$175,000 to \$250,000 per FTE).

Additionally, the appointment process set forth in § 37-24-5 of the bill would need to be revised because it does not comply with the separation of powers provision in the state constitution, which requires executive branch appointments to be made by the Governor.

Lastly, the effective date would need to be adjusted to permit sufficient time for the creation and establishment of this new Commission and hiring of new FTEs. We would suggest June 1, 2027.

We would be happy to meet with the Committee and/or sponsors to discuss this further. Please do not hesitate to contact me at Elizabeth.dwyer@dbr.ri.gov or 401.462.9615 (office) or 401.578.6653 (mobile) with any questions or for additional information.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce
The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma
Kristen Silvia, Deputy Chief of Staff/Director of Legislation