

Trafton testimony supporting H2776, for 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 S2776, requiring that certain data centers with large electricity demands must fund the cost of necessary infrastructure improvements.

As many states are discovering, the overbearing, sometimes overreaching efforts of the AI industry as well as other data management activities have become prodigious and largely passed on to the pool of electric utility ratepayers.

It appears that even the hyper enthusiastic developers recognize that the costs of providing the infrastructure for electrifying new data centers should be borne by the industry itself, as it seeks great profits.

Clearly Rhode Island should not leave this questionable but seek to legislate the responsibility of the developers and their industry. Thus I request that you support Sen. DiPalma's 2776 ensure that the right folks are paying the bill. Thanks very much for considering my input.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PTrafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "P" and "T" being particularly prominent.

Peter Trafton