

Testimony in Support to S2024: RI Climate Superfund Act of 2026

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To: Chair DiPalma and the honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee

Some may think this is a controversial bill, but I believe it is about fairness and accountability. When products cause injuries, the companies who make the products can be held accountable for the damage they cause. When lead paint and tobacco companies caused injuries, they were held accountable. Petroleum companies are now causing massive injuries and damage to the environment, so they should be held accountable. Taking such actions to hold them accountable and recoup the excessive dollars government has paid to mitigate the consequences of these companies' actions is the right thing to do. This might be a long journey, but it should be undertaken. Other states have shown the courage to take on such a major challenge, and RI should do the same. I hope you will be proactive and support this bill.