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The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma
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State House
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RE: Narragansett Bay Commission; Senate Bill 2357; Support

Dear Chairman DiPalma and Members of the Committee:

The Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) writes you to support Senate Bill 2357 which proposes to strengthen the foundation of essential quasi-public corporations and agencies as well as avoid transfer of property or public funds from these entities. Entities such as the NBC perform essential functions and services that support the general welfare and safety of the public. Transfer of funds or property from these entities fracture their backbone requiring unnecessary remedies for entities that would have otherwise been solvent. Such remedies often require these entities to request additional financial assistance from the public through increased fees or rates to support their essential structures. These entities serve the public best when they can keep their costs at a reasonable rate in order to perform essential functions that support a growing society. S2357 allows these entities to best serve the public's needs in a fiscally stable manner. For these reasons, the NBC supports Senate Bill 2357.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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