



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

May 12, 2026

The Honorable Louis DiPalma
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
82 Smith St
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for SJR3016: Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$800,000 To Waterfire Providence

Dear Chair DiPalma:

I write to you in support of SJR3016: Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$800,000 To Waterfire Providence.

WaterFire Providence is an independent, 501(c)3 nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to inspire Providence and its visitors by revitalizing the urban experience, fostering community engagement and creatively transforming the city by presenting WaterFire for all to enjoy. For 30 years, their performances have drawn locals and tourists alike to Downtown Providence, bringing life and vitality to the city center.

This appropriation will allow WaterFire Providence to continue to provide this service to the community. For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sabina Matos

Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor

CC: Sen. Jacob Bissaillon