

April 28, 2026
Senate Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair DiPalma, First Vice Chair Ciccone, Second Vice Chair Felag, Secretary Acosta, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is David Brunetti and I am from Burrillville, RI.

I am writing to provide you with my comments regarding Senate Bill 3231 for Green Economy and Clean Energy Bonds.

There is a critical need for \$10 Million in additional conservation funding in the FY 2027 Green Economy Bond.

As a member and volunteer of Climate Action RI, the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, and the Burrillville Land Trust, as well as someone who enjoys hiking in our open spaces in Rhode Island to view wildlife and to enjoy the experience of simply being in nature, I am asking you to include \$10 Million to the Green Economy Bond to ensure that there is funding to conserve important forests, farmlands, and open spaces across Rhode Island.

Additionally, I urge you to include \$ 2 Million in Local Open Space Matching Grants to municipalities, land trusts, and non-profit conservation land organizations to preserve valuable open space in local communities across RI.

Finally, on the topic of Clean Energy, specifically as it relates to allocating for energy efficiency funding - which has the lowest impact of any program to address not only climate change but reducing energy costs to the consumer – like myself (which is why I was able to use rebate from Clear River Electric and Water District (CREW) to insulate my attic after installation of a heat pump system in our house) - and supports the local economy, as well as combating climate change, while I would much prefer that there be direct funding for such a program in the FY 2027 budget, I urge the committee to include \$10 Million in additional funding for this program in the FY 2027 Green Economy and Clean Energy Bond.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide you with my comments.

Sincerely,

David A. Brunetti
Burrillville, RI

