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Dear Chairman Bissaillon and Members of the Committee:

S 2691 would provide for more responsible housing development. The common-sense amendments accommodate low- and moderate-income housing without negatively impacting the quantity or quality of Rhode Island's precious and irreplaceable drinking water supplies.

State rules regarding OWTS focus on individual system compliance rather than cumulative impact analysis, and while designed to prevent individual failures, they fail to address the collective, long-term nutrient loading from high-density, individual septic systems on groundwater and coastal watersheds.

Rhode Island must have clean, safe, and sustainable drinking water to support existing residents and encourage future growth and economic development.

I urge the Committee to adopt this bill and to consider extending protection to both GAA and GA waters.

Thank you,

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