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Attn: Representative Bennett, Chair, House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, and Committee Members

Testimony in Support of H 7731

A House Resolution to create a Legislative Study Commission on Climate Change Impacts and Solutions Before the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Rhode Island Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental grassroots organization of farm families united to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans, and to build strong, prosperous agricultural communities. Today our over 1200 members are not only large farmers and small farmers but also include those engaged in agricultural industries, teachers of agriculture, and consumers.

Rhode Island Farm Bureau supports H 7731 with the request to include agricultural representation. Agricultural productivity is notably affected by climate change. Climate change can disrupt food availability, reduce access to food, and affect food quality.

Thank you,

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