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**TO:** Environment and Natural Resource Committee

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**VIEWPOINT:** For

As a public servant who has dealt with the aftermath of flooding in the Kent County area, I write this letter in support of House Bill #2025--5847. As outlined in the Bill, recent flooding has caused millions of dollars of loss in the Town of West Warwick alone. The Pawtuxet River watershed incorporates several municipalities, each of whom have received federal disaster status from flooding. With the establishment of this proposed commission, solutions will be identified to reduce further damage from flooding, thereby building resiliency in our county.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

J. Jeffrey Varone, Chief of Department  
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