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From: Colleen Brown <collbrown73@gmail.com>
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Good Morning,

I hope you are well. I am writing to you as a concerned, yet hopeful, RI citizen. I support **Article 3, Section 15** of the governor's 2026 budget proposal, *however*, it must be amended to require energy reporting for large privately-owned buildings, not only state-owned buildings. I understand that the government does not want to overstep its boundaries, however we will never achieve the level of pollution reduction promised by 2030 at this rate. It is important to hold all community members accountable, not only state-owned buildings. I think this is a great BDA proposal, although it objectively needs to be made stronger. I appreciate the effort all contributors have put in, and I respect the time and deliberation it takes to reach a decision. As a Newport resident who is actively involved in water quality research at Salve Regina University, the detrimental effects of pollution and nutrient runoff is more than clear to me.

Thank you,
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City of Newport Resident