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**From:** Emily Bowers <ebowers@thegbi.org>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Green Building Initiative Testimony: RI HB 5741 (4/3/25 Hearing)

Dear Committee Members—

My name is Emily Bowers, and I am the Senior Director of State and Local Affairs at the Green Building Initiative (GBI).

I am writing to ask that the language in House Bill 5741 be opened to our green building certification, Green Globes, and listed alongside the LEED certification present in the language.

Green Globes is a comprehensive green building certification that has been deemed an equivalent to LEED by the federal government since 2013. At present, we have certified over 800 million square feet of commercial and multifamily property nationally and are incorporated in policies throughout state, local, and the federal government. Not only is Green Globes equivalent to LEED, but it's also a cost-effective comparison to the certification and incorporates a third-party Assessor with 10+ years of experience in either architecture or engineering, ensuring that each building can be as efficient and resilient as possible.

By adding Green Globes in the language, you can ensure that the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit program will include a reputable, whole building certification that will make the commercial building stock in the state more sustainable.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you so much!  
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