

Roberta DiMezza

From: John Gauthier <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:16 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support Shoreline Access Bills H-7645/S-2641, H-7750/S-2634, H-7376/S-2185

RI House Judiciary Committee,

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From: JAMES RIGGS <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:36 PM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support Shoreline Access Bills H-7645/S-2641, H-7750/S-2634, H-7376/S-2185

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From: Scott Travers <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:20 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support Shoreline Access Bills H-7645/S-2641, H-7750/S-2634, H-7376/S-2185

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I am writing to ask you to support this package of shoreline access bills.

Shoreline access is historically significant in this State. Residents and visitors to RI should be able to access the shoreline for recreation. Shoreline access is also essential for those who depend upon saltwater fishing to sustain their families and provide locally sourced, healthy foods.

Thank you for considering these important legislative issues.

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(2024-S 2641, 2024-H 7645) would require a municipality, when abandoning a road, to vote on whether or not to preserve an easement for walking or other types of recreation. Since this is how many existing access points were established this should continue to be a priority when roads are considered for abandonment.

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(2024-S 2185, 2024-H 7376) would educate new buyers of oceanfront property on Rhode Island shoreline access law and require disclosure of any permits or conditions of public access tied to the property, in order to avoid surprises that might come up. Requiring this disclosure makes sense in avoiding loss of rights of way during property transfer.

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From: Wayne Burkett Sr <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Jason Howell <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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RI House Judiciary Committee,

I believe this is the most important legislation for keeping RI , RHODE ISLAND. access to the coast is an integral part of being a resident. Anything and everything we can do in this respect is crucial to protecting the rights of the public at large now and most importantly in the future.

Please make this a priority for immediate passage.

Jamie Tollefson

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From: Pamela Howell <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Peter Delvecchio <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 5:49 PM
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From: Edward Weikman, Jr. <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 10:07 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
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From: Allan Gadoury <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 8:00 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
Subject: Support Shoreline Access Bills H-7645/S-2641, H-7750/S-2634, H-7376/S-2185

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From: Chris Deacutis <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 8:29 PM
To: House Judiciary Committee
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Anabella Mayorga

From: Joy Cordio <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 9:49 PM
To: House Judiciary Committee
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From: emma smith <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 9:21 AM
To: House Judiciary Committee
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We love our beaches! Do not destroy them with your capitalistic ideals!

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From: Laura Tresca <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: House Judiciary Committee
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From: Dana Wood <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 12:18 PM
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From: Kathleen Mello <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Support Shoreline Access Bills H-7645/S-2641, H-7750/S-2634, H-7376/S-2185

RI House Judiciary,

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RI House Judiciary Committee,

I am a member of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association but live in Connecticut. I frequent these areas to meet up and fish with Rhode Island members when time allows us with all of our different work schedules. Not only do we fish that area but we also spend money in the community on fishing equipment, food, fuel and ice among other things.

Rhode Island is limited in access to beachfront throughout the state. Places like these, with parking areas are scarce around the state in order for people to access the water to fish at night with bothering home owners. It is a win, win situation.

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Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:24 PM
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Subject: Support Shoreline Access Bills H-7645/S-2641, H-7750/S-2634, H-7376/S-2185

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Dear Legislators, I'm the middle of winter one year a friend and I attempted to ascend the beach in Westerly. It was no easy task. Barricades prevented access. Finally we found a way in and were able to take a walk in the freezing cold. It shouldn't be this hard to see the ocean.

My family and I enjoy fishing on the shoreline. This has proved difficult in recent years with access restricted by towns and property owners.

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Thank you for your support of these bills and your service to Rhode Island.

Respectfully,
Jean Bowen

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These bills make perfect sense. At the very least a voting option to retain public access to an abandoned road should be implemented if not required. Why should the property be removed from the public domain? I live along the Sakonnet River and numerous footpaths to the water have been subsumed by private property over the decades. I believe these should have been preserved and support an official designation for similar paths to the water in RI that may remain. Property buyers should of course be completely aware of the public's legal rights to the shore.

Sincerely,
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