Dear Chair Casey and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of HB 7063. Representative Spears' introduction of this bill comes at a time when many traditionally marginalized communities are highlighting the discrepancy between what the government is telling us we have access to versus spaces that we physically, systemically and culturally actually have equitable access to and feel that we belong in. This legislation starts to close this divide by creating spaces that everyone can physically access and navigate. The first step to belonging and inclusion is being able to get through the front door. I urge you to support this bill and the important opportunities that it would create in the lives of Rhode Islanders with and without disabilities.

Sincerely,

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