

Dear House Municipal Government and Housing Committee Members,

My name is Edward B. Marianacci of 199 High Hill Road in Tiverton Rhode Island. I am for bill H 7060. I regularly use this area for nature walks and exploration with my family. I value the open space, sensitive ecosystem, scenic vistas, and recreational use Sapowet provides for the public. The Sapowet Marsh Wildlife Management Area was established in 1956, using federal funds, to preserve the area's open spaces and critical habitat for hunting, fishing, scenic, and recreational use. We need the state legislature to protect one of Rhode Island's most valuable ecosystems where sensitive wildlife habitat and recreational use are being threatened by increased pressure from commercial development.

Thank you for doing your part in protecting this beautiful area of Rhode Island,

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