

Dear Members of the RI House Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

I am writing as a resident of Tiverton, RI, to state my support for Bill number H 7060.

I live one mile from the Sapowet March Wildlife Management Area, and use the land there, and the adjacent waters (the Sakonnet River and the marsh itself) year-round. My family and I value it as a place for recreation (including hiking, beach walks, bird watching, kayaking, and sailing), for quiet contemplation, and quite simply for its unspoiled natural beauty.

We recognize the wisdom and foresight of the leaders who established the Management Area in the 1950s, and are concerned about the lack (to date) of sufficient oversight and care by state agencies to ensure it is preserved for the benefit of future generations of Rhode Island residents, and of visitors to our state. Prior analyses of the area and its use cite commercial development as a direct threat to the conservation of the habitat and its wildlife. Bill H 7060 would address this and provide the needed protections.

Thank you,

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