

Dear House Municipal Government and Housing
Committee Members,

We are for bill H 7060. My family and friends regularly use this area for windsurfing all year long. Not only do we enjoy the area for recreation, but we all take pride in our commitment to keeping it clean. We spend time picking up and disposing of trash that is left behind on a frequent basis. We do this because we value the beauty of the area and worry about the wildlife that lives there. We 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,

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