

Dear House Municipal Government and Housing Committee Members,

I am for bill H 7060. I regularly use this area for the peace and relaxation opportunity. My children and I enjoy hours at this beach where we always manage to find privacy and quiet. It is a great small beach where my children have spent countless hours splashing around in the water; where we have explored and found many natural things at which to marvel. 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,

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