

Dear House Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

> I am a resident of Tiverton, Rhode Island and I am writing in strong support of bill H 7060. I use the Seapowet salt marsh and adjoining Seapowet cove area yearlong as a birder. This scenic area is an unspoiled ecosystem that supports populations of shore and sea birds, ducks, and raptors and has provided my family with countless days of recreational enjoyment. My son regularly paddle boards the area and my husband fishes there during the striper season in addition to birding with me throughout the year. In fact we moved here from Massachusetts primarily because of his love for this area in general, and for that spot (Seapowet) in particular.

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> Conditions inside the Seapowet Marsh Management Area, created in 1948 by the RI Department of Natural Resources, is sensitive and dynamic and is critically dependent on the conditions of the cove, its connection to the Sakonnet. Addition of the cove to the Marsh management area makes environmental sense. As the fertile entrance of the marsh, the cove itself is a seasonal gathering spot for migratory birds. It is a valuable recreational resource for myself and the other residents and visitors of Tiverton.

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> Please protect one of Rhode Island's most valuable natural and recreational resources from commercial development by moving this bill to the House floor for vote.

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Thank you, Nina Borromeo

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