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Jonathan Womer, Director

March 7, 2024

The Honorable Evan P. Shanley  
Chairperson, House Committee on State Government & Elections  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903

**Re: House Bill No. 7666 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Department of Administration -- The Rhode Island Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program**

Dear Chairman Shanley,

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the Department of Administration (Department) to submit comments in support of House Bill No. 7666. This legislation proposes to update the membership of the State Planning Council and its Technical Committee. These changes would reflect the recent establishment of the Department of Housing and align with changes the Department seeks to make to its rules relating to the Technical Committee.

Additionally, I would like to note that House Bill No. 7666 cites the Rhode Island Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program within the R.I.G.L. citation, but that program is not a subject of this legislation. Alongside my colleagues within the Division of Statewide Planning, I respectfully ask for the following language within the legislation to be amended to clarify and prevent any future confusion:

Page 1 – Change the Title of the Bill from:

~~A N A C T RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND  
MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM~~

To:

~~A N A C T RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- STATEWIDE PLANNING  
PROGRAM~~

For all the reasons described above, I respectfully encourage the House Committee on State Government & Elections to recommend passage of 2024 House Bill No. 7666 with the above-described minor title amendment.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Womer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jonathan Womer  
Director, Department of Administration

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government & Elections  
The Honorable Representatives Cortvriend, Speakman, Fogarty, and Carson  
Steve Sepe, Committee Clerk  
Meredith Brady, Associate Director, Division of Statewide Planning  
Nancy Hess, Interdepartmental Program Manager, Division of Statewide Planning