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Dear Members of the RI House of Representatives,

Who would not want to be assured of clean air? Clean water? A healthy environment?

While those questions seem to have obvious answers, history shows that we must be proactive in protecting the planet on which we live. Climate change testifies to that imperative.

And what better place to start to assure that our RI citizenry has a healthy, livable environment than by passing the proposed Green Amendment Bill H 5732?...Particularly in light of the loss of federal protections in the past few months...

This letter is intended as strong support for RI House Bill 5732, a joint resolution "To approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution – Green Amendment".

After more than six decades in Rhode Island I continue to appreciate the geographical, natural richness of my home state. Our considerable shoreline, our systems of rivers, streams, and ponds (both fresh and salt), our woodlands, wetlands, and conserved open spaces, and that marvel of a bay have all been valued, if not treasured, by residents and visitors.

The efforts toward understanding and caring for our environment have provided some of the needed restoration and protection of our natural RI world over the past half century. Commendable, but, as noted, with the continued march of climate change, more effort is needed. In protecting and guiding what we do in our natural world, we are indeed caring for the people who live here.

Your support of the Green Amendment bill H 5732 will go a long way to provide the care and protection needed by the citizens of our state now and as we move further into the 21st Century.

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Please vote for and advocate for a Green Amendment in RI . Your vote will allow citizens to amend our RI Constitution to underpin and guide government actions in safeguarding our water, air, climate, and critical natural resources. It will ensure sufficient legal protections when needed, based on a citizen's constitutional right to a clean, life-supporting environment.

Sincerely,

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