

To: Representative Evan Shanley
Chair of the House Committee on State Government & Elections

My wife and I have owned a home in Jamestown, RI for more than twenty years, and have read the email dated April 8, 2025 that Save The Bay sent to you expressing its strong support for House Bill 5706, an Act Relating to Waters and Navigation—Coastal Resources Management Council. For the reasons set forth in that email, we also urge the RI legislature to enact that bill.

Rhode Island's coast is one of its major economic and cultural assets, and should be protected as strongly as is reasonably possible. We believe that passage of House Bill 5706 will provide much needed additional protection for the coast to the benefit of RI citizens, and that it will help to preserve Rhode Island's tourist industry.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen and Bill Skinner