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Testimony in support of H6126: CRMC—7th Member

George Voutes, 17 Shore Road, Bristol RI, 02809 - Date of Hearing: April 8, 2025

To Chair Shanley and the honorable Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee:

I support the H6126 to add the attorney general, or designee, as a voting member. This bill will help increase oversight and accountability, assuring that the CRMC will represent the Rhode Island State goals and the interests of the and population over the influence of special interest and interstate groups. There are ongoing issues with how CRMC is staffed and H6126 will help remedy this situation.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2025.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Finkelman for introducing this important bill.

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