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RI House

District 59

QUESTION 1

Do you support reforming the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) by eliminating the politically appointed council and replacing it with a Department of Coastal Resources?

ANSWER: **Yes****QUESTION 2**

Would you support legislation to create a recycling refund system for beverage containers in Rhode Island?

ANSWER: **Yes****QUESTION 3**

Please share any additional ideas or priorities you would have as a state legislator to improve and protect Narragansett Bay and its watershed: www.nature.com/articles

ANSWER:

I reliably support the legislative priorities of Save The Bay. In addition to voting for them, this support includes working with my colleagues as a member of the House Committee on State Government and Elections to help kill bad bills that undermine those priorities. An example from the 2026 session includes H 8216 that would have compelled the CRMC to conduct a "complete reassessment of all waters classified as Type 1 through Type 4, evaluating whether the original water type designations meet current goals or require revision..." despite having more pressing matters to address. I support full implementation of our state's Act on Climate. Lastly, next year, I will focus on getting a bill passed to create an intervenor compensation program in RI so that organizations like Save The Bay can better participate in the decision making processes of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) on behalf of the public interest.