

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WESTERLY OPPOSING SENATE BILL S-0259
AND HOUSE BILL H-6067, "AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS"

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-0259 and House Bill H-6067, An Act Relating to Aeronautics, (the "Act") have been introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this Act proposes amendments to existing Rhode Island General Law Title I, Aeronautics; and

WHEREAS, the practical effects of the Act for the Town of Westerly and other municipalities hosting airports and/or airport approaches will be to expand the authority of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) to acquire by purchase or condemnation *airspace and/or air rights* that it may deem necessary; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are significant, with a substantial increase of jurisdiction to RIAC, a quasi-governmental agency, in favor of a municipality and in contradiction to fundamental principles of the Home Rule Act; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Westerly Town Council respectfully requests that all State Representatives and the Governor oppose S-0259 and H-6067; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk shall submit a copy of this resolution to the Town of Westerly's State Representatives, the Speaker of the House, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, all cities and towns in the State of Rhode Island, and the Governor in consideration of their support to defeat these amendments to the General Laws.

ADOPTED: April 12, 2021