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Subject: Re: bill # 2021-H5503, For, Anthony Pappas

Dear Legislators,

I would like to raise my voice in support of H5503.

I am the Program Director of the Solar Initiative on Block Island. The Solar Initiative promotes renewable energy sourcing by offering subsidies and information on Block Island. The Solar Initiative is whole heartedly in favor of this legislation.

This amendment will allow the generation of electricity in a localized manner while still preserving the utility company's ability to remain solvent. The 3% cap has served the public, the utility companies and the state well for many decades, but we have now entered into a new era where renewable sources of power generation are imperative, if we wish to keep the Ocean State abutting but not under the ocean! This bill allows for an equitable program for renewable generation as well as fiscal viability of the Utility District. It's impact is limited to two utility districts in Rhode Island. I personally wish its impact were broader, but this is a good place to start and we can see the impact over time in a limited setting. I urge you to vote in favor of this bill. It allows for a cleaner environment and more localized responsibility. Thank you for your consideration.

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