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Rhode Island House of Representatives
Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee
David Bennett, Chairman

March 4, 2021

**Testimony in Support of H.5279:
Energy Facility Siting Act Amendment**

Dear Chair Bennett and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Political and Legislative Mobilization team of Climate Action Rhode Island, we would like to express our strong support for H. 5279.

H. 5279 simply requires energy facility applicants to describe the greenhouse gas emissions impact of their facility, and requires the siting board to determine that those emissions won't prevent the state from achieving our state's climate goals.

It is very surprising to us that those requirements aren't already part of the EFSA! At this stage of the climate crisis, all of our energy decisions must adhere to the scientific consensus that steep reductions in our greenhouse gas emissions are urgently needed.

We urge you to fix this omission by passing H. 5279.

Thank you.

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