

**March 5, 2024**

## **In support of H7353: RIE EV Programming**

**Members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives  
Committee on Corporations:**

**Please advance this bill to the House floor for a full vote.**

**As a longtime owner and driver of vehicles in Rhode Island I am eager to trade in my gas-powered automobile and purchase an electric vehicle. I believe this bill would make it easier for me and other Rhode Islanders to own and operate an EV because it would expand the vehicle charging infrastructure in the state.**

**I am also extremely concerned about the effects of climate change and believe this bill would advance the goals of the Act on Climate.**

**I support H7353 because it will:**

- **Encourage Rhode Islanders to transition to driving EVs, and away from gas-powered vehicles.**
- **Create jobs in Rhode Island as the state builds out its EV charging station infrastructure.**
- **Reduce air pollution and improve air quality in Rhode Island when more gas-powered cars are taken off our roads and replaced with EVs.**
- **Help fulfill the carbon reduction goals of Act on Climate.**
- **Make Rhode Island a national leader in greenhouse gas reduction and climate consciousness. Those results will attract industry as well as attracting and retaining young workers to reside here.**
- **Help reduce the amount of funds for energy production from going to foreign countries with despotic governments that pose a threat to the United States and our safety.**
- **Reduce healthcare costs by reducing asthma and health issues caused by smog from vehicle emissions.**

**Thank you,**

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