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Members of the RI House Corporations Committee,

I strongly urge you to pass H 5816, the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act. The bill is strongly urging RI to get a move on in transforming our energy sector to clean wind power. The climate emergency forces us to urgency and wind power is what we have. Beyond the climate emergency we have the long climate emergency which requires us to massively reorient our economy and how we practice economic development. I may be saying things that are not yet mainstream thinking, but it is daily looming larger that we must put climate justice right at the center of economic development policy and actions rather than treat it as a marginal activity. How we respond to climate is the key to seeing if RI will have a prosperous community. The bill as written is very explicit on how we can ensure that doing the right thing for climate and energy is also doing the right thing for our communities, though maybe no one else is bold enough to point out the critical economic nature of then clean energy transformation and how critical it is to center justice in economic development planning if we want a prosperous future. Think of the bill as the next logical step, And prepare yourselves for further moves to clean the energy system and how justice makes the job easier.

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