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The Honorable Joseph Solomon  
Chair, House Corporations Committee  
Room 101, State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: CLF **Supports** House Bill No. 5816 – Affordable Clean Energy Security Act

Dear Chair Solomon:

The Conservation Law Foundation (“CLF”) appreciates the opportunity to comment on H-5816, which would require Rhode Island to procure 1,200 MW of Offshore Wind by 2029. CLF **supports** this proposal because it is critical for Rhode Island to meet its energy, climate, and economic goals while ensuring grid reliability for the future.

Founded in 1966, CLF is a member-supported non-profit advocacy organization working to protect public health and the environment and build healthy communities in Rhode Island and throughout New England. CLF supports policies that increase New England’s supply of clean electricity from renewable sources and help to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reduction mandates of the Act on Climate.

Without further offshore wind procurement, Rhode Island risks missing its climate goals, facing grid reliability issues, paying higher electricity prices during the winter, and increasing risks to marine life from continued fossil fuel use. Passing H-5816 will ensure that the transition to green energy jobs remains in Rhode Island, provides employment and contracting opportunities for workers from disadvantaged communities, and provides economic benefits to Rhode Island, including using an offshore wind port located in this state.

CLF encourages you to pass H-5816.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



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