

RI House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

April 1, 2025

RE: H5816 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Dear Members of the House Corporations Committee:

I write for our firm in support of H5816. Rhode Island must think systemically and at scale about our mandated transition off fossil fuel based electrical generation. The RI PUC's consultant to its "Future of Gas" docket, E3, addressed impact on the electrical system beginning with the following sentence, "The electric sector is expected to serve nearly double the annual system load by 2050, regardless of scenario." (p. 73) "On average, approximately 60% of the total generation will be from renewable sources across the entire ISO New England by 2033 if all states achieve their renewable and clean energy targets." (p. 76)

Now is not the time to become more reliant on more costly and insecure imported energy whether from natural gas fired or nuclear power plants. The system investments needed to sustain such imported supplies are far too costly in too many ways.

Please pass H5816.

Respectfully,


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