

Rep. Joseph Solomon, Chair
House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives

OPPOSITION TO H6204 Repeal of Energy Efficiency Charge

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Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee,

We have a big problem in Rhode Island. The climate crisis is upon us and it is getting worse. The energy efficiency charge on our energy bills is designed to help us reduce our green house gas emissions and hopefully avoid the most devastating effects of climate change. Why would anyone want to stop fighting for our planet?

I understand many of your constituents are outraged over high energy bills. Eliminating ways to enhance customer's energy efficiency is not the correct approach.

Remember we have high winter energy bills because we rely on a constrained gas supply. If we ramp up our development of offshore wind, which generates more energy in the winter, we won't have to pay more for volatile gas.

I urge the committee to oppose this regressive legislation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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