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Representative Joseph J. Solomon
Chair of House Corporations Committee
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: ACT Opposition to House Bill 6204: Duties of Utilities and carriers—Repeal of Energy Efficiency Charge

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee,

The Alliance for Climate Transition appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in opposition to House Bill 6204: Duties of Utilities and Carriers—Repeal of Energy Efficiency Charge.

The Alliance for Climate Transition ("ACT") leads the just, equitable, and rapid transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy. Our 300+ members include companies from all of the clean energy market segments, many of whom are based in Rhode Island, do business here, or hope to make future investments in the state.

The Energy Efficiency Charge in Rhode Island does exactly what it describes: it allocates money towards initiatives across the state that help Rhode Islanders save money on energy by improving their energy efficiency, over the life of the measures. The repeal of this charge, as proposed by this bill, would eliminate the ability for the state to allocate funding towards smart investments that allow Rhode Islanders to decrease their energy use by removing a substantial source of funding for the Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council, Office of Energy Resources, and RI Infrastructure Bank. All three of these entities work tirelessly to ensure Rhode Island's energy system is modernized, optimized, and supports Rhode Islanders' needs.

It is of utmost importance to channel funding to initiatives that lower Rhode Island's energy demand and this bill would hinder the state's ability to do so. On behalf of our members, thank you for stewarding the clean and affordable energy transition in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,



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