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Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.  
Chairman, House Committee on Corporations  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: HOUSE RESOLUTION H6418 CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND  
PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING THE USE AND BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE  
FOR ALTERNATIVE FUELS**

Dear Chairperson Solomon and Honorable Members of the Committee:

**Chairman and Members of the Committee:**

On behalf of the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association (RIMA), we write in strong support of House Resolution H6418, which would establish a Special Legislative

Commission to study and provide recommendations for increasing the use and infrastructure development of alternative fuels in Rhode Island.

We welcome the opportunity to be part of the climate change conversation—one that impacts all of us. The manufacturing sector is not only a cornerstone of Rhode Island's economy but also a key player in shaping a more sustainable future. Our members care deeply about the state we call home, and we are honored to serve on this Commission, lending our voices and expertise to help drive meaningful and achievable energy solutions.

Rhode Island has the opportunity to be a national leader in reducing carbon emissions and expanding the use of clean energy. We all benefit from a stronger economy paired with a healthier environment. Manufacturing, by its very nature, has environmental impacts—but it also holds tremendous potential for innovation and improvement. Several of our larger, global members are already well ahead of many policy efforts in the implementation of advanced energy efficiency measures and clean technology integration. Many are also actively embracing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) goals as part of their strategic plans to improve sustainability and reduce their environmental footprint.

The trend toward corporate commitments to net-zero emissions is accelerating, and Rhode Island manufacturers are part of that momentum. This is a new moment for all of us. It demands collaboration, creativity, and a willingness to rethink how we produce, consume, and conserve energy.





RIMA supports this resolution with an open mind and a readiness to engage constructively. We look forward to contributing to the Commission's efforts to explore practical, economically sound strategies to increase the use of alternative fuels, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create a cleaner energy future for Rhode Island.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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