

Via Electronic Mail

June 16, 2025

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

RE: ACT Concern over House Resolution 6418: Creating A Special Legislative Commission To Study And Provide Recommendations For Increasing The Use And Building The Infrastructure For Alternative Fuels

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee,

The Alliance for Climate Transition ("ACT") appreciates the opportunity to submit comments regarding House Resolution 6418. ACT would like to see energy storage systems included on the list of alternative energy sources in this resolution, as they can provide a multitude of benefits to the state's energy system that can lead to increased reliability and affordability.

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 clean energy market segments, many of whom are based in Rhode Island, do business here, or hope to make investments in the state.

This resolution intends to center affordability and reliability, yet omits energy storage systems—a versatile class of resources that can provide a multitude of benefits. Energy storage can provide energy during low supply times, but it can also store energy in times of overproduction. This dual use of energy storage systems provides increased resiliency to the grid, as it can help mitigate undersupply and oversupply of energy, both which can otherwise cause problems for the energy grid.

While energy storage is often paired with renewables, making them more flexible and minimizing the carbon footprint of our grid, the benefits it provides towards resiliency and affordability can be seen also with standalone storage, which can pull energy from the grid regardless of what energy source feeds the system. Energy storage systems are a unique resource that is flexible to the everchanging grid and their implementation can significantly improve the efficiency of our energy system.

ACT would like to see energy storage systems added to the list of resources to be assessed by this commission for the aforementioned reasons and looks forward to seeing the state modernize its energy systems to become increasingly more reliable and affordable for ratepayers.

On behalf of our members, thank you for stewarding the clean and affordable energy transition in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oliwia Krupinska". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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