



**Representative Joseph Solomon, Chair**

House Corporation Committee  
Rhode Island House of Representatives

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Supports House Bill 7068**

Dear Chair Solomon and members of the committee,

On behalf of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and our thousands of members across Rhode Island, **I write in strong support of House Bill 7068** which would require that applications in front of the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) consider grid enhancing technologies (GETs), advanced conductors, and non-wires or non-pipelines alternatives in relation to their proposed facility.

Expanding the scope of applications before the EFSB to include considerations of GETs will ensure that approved facilities have given due attention to lower cost alternatives to a proposed project. Transmission costs are a significant portion of utility spending, and these costs are reviewed by our regional grid operator, ISO-New England. At a state level, this bill would enhance accountability with regards to transmission spending, adding an additional layer of review for projects looking to be approved. This legislation would also seek to widen the EFSB's authority over existing projects, rather than just focusing on new transmission projects. This is important because in New England, the vast majority of transmission spending is concentrated on existing projects like rebuilds, repairs, and upgrades.

Additionally, with more renewable energy coming online and the need for increased transmission capacity to handle that generation, we should be prioritizing getting the most use out of our existing system before building entirely new projects. By empowering the EFSB to require that projects consider GETs and other technologies, we can ensure the most prudent investments are being made in transmission upgrades, rather than the higher cost investments that generate more profit for the utility.

Green Energy Consumers Alliance thanks the Committee for the opportunity to testify, and urges passage of H7068.

Sincerely,

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