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Subject: Support for H7139 — Restoring Legislative Authority Over Renewable Energy Mandates

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To the Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives,

My name is **James Stead**, and I express my strong support for **H7139**, legislation that restores essential legislative oversight over renewable-energy-related mandates, tariffs, and cost-imposing programs.

For clarity, **H7139 is sponsored by:**

Representatives David Place, Marie Hopkins, Christopher Paplauskas, Sherry Roberts, Brian Newberry, George Nardone, Robert Quattrocchi, Michael Chippendale, and Richard Fascia.

H7139 ensures that no agency, utility, or quasi-public entity can unilaterally impose new costs or mandates on Rhode Island residents and businesses without the explicit approval of the General

Assembly. This is a fundamental safeguard for transparency, accountability, and responsible governance.

Why H7139 is essential for Rhode Island

1. Restores proper legislative authority

Major cost-driving mandates should never be implemented without elected representatives voting on them. H7139 ensures that decisions with statewide financial impact remain in the hands of the General Assembly.

2. Protects ratepayers from unchecked cost increases

Renewable-energy programs can impose significant expenses on households and businesses. This bill ensures that any such costs receive full legislative scrutiny before being passed on to ratepayers.

3. Ensures transparency and public accountability

By requiring legislative approval, H7139 guarantees that Rhode Islanders can see, understand, and weigh in on proposals before they become binding mandates.

4. Promotes balanced, responsible energy policy

Renewable-energy initiatives should be pursued thoughtfully, with full consideration of economic impacts. H7139 ensures that policy decisions are made openly, deliberately, and with the public interest at the forefront.

H7139 is a commonsense, good-governance measure that strengthens accountability, protects Rhode Island families and businesses, and ensures that major energy-related decisions remain in the hands of the elected legislature.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James Stead

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