



Representative Joseph Solomon, Chair

House Corporation Committee

Rhode Island House of Representatives

March 19th, 2026

RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Opposes H7174.

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 opposition to House Bill 7174** which would repeal the energy efficiency charge.

Energy efficiency is one of the most cost-effective methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from a building while improving comfortability. Rhode Island's energy efficiency programs are rigorously tested and have been proven to result in [\\$3 in benefits for every \\$1 invested](#) when accounting for non-monetary costs, like job creation and reduced air pollution. These are benefits that are felt by all Rhode Islanders, not just those who take direct advantage of an energy efficiency program offering. Energy efficiency programs are not just a line item on a bill, they represent real savings achieved through cost-effective upgrades in weatherization and appliances, to name a few benefits of the programs.

Eliminating the energy efficiency charge is a surefire way to eliminate jobs and ensure residents spend more on their utility bills over time. Funding cuts or program elimination remove substantial benefits in terms of utility bill savings and greenhouse gas emission reductions, and risk increasing cost for ratepayers on a net basis.

Green Energy Consumers Alliance thanks the Committee for the opportunity to testify, and strongly urges against passage of H7174.

Sincerely,

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