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Dear House Corporations Committee:

I agree with Timmons Roberts and have included in my testimony much of what he has written. I add, a bill to the list of the ones he mentions which I, also, support and that is H7876 which keeps nuclear fission out of our affordable, clean, safe, & renewable resources as it is expensive and, most importantly, emits radioactive nuclear waste that will be dangerous for thousands, if not millions, of years. We don't know what to do with it. We don't need nuclear energy if we invest in real renewables like wind and solar.

I support a number of bills you are considering to keep Rhode Island moving forward in its transition away from fossil fuels. The war in Iran makes crystal clear why continued dependence on oil and “natural” (methane) gas is self-destructive. We face an affordability crisis, but doubling down on volatile, environmentally disastrous products will set back this chamber’s efforts, which have been decades in the making.

I would flag up a few I’m especially focused on: allowing balcony solar (H7269) and e-permitting for solar (H7726), creating a study commission on next steps on procuring offshore wind (H7727) and thermal networks (H7879). H7884 is extremely important as it will keep the federal government’s extreme efforts from undermining all our protections.

I’m deeply concerned about the emboldened group of legislators that see this moment as an opportunity to roll back all the state’s efforts to address climate change which makes us more resilient. In particular, the idea of stopping our energy efficiency programs is baffling.

I know you’re hearing that utility bills are out of control. I’ve said to two other committees that rolling back the state’s climate and clean energy programs will not make your pain go away. The Governor’s budget proposal would save people on average $15 a month off their utility bills—several years from now! With the wild fluctuations in energy costs across the seasons, your constituents will not notice these changes this summer, and those who most need utility relief need far more than this ($15 will not help those $1000 in arrears on their RIE bills). Across-the-board cuts in the smallest part of the utility bills make no sense to help them.

You are hearing an orchestrated influence campaign to dismantle what you’ve spent two decades building; it is funded by the fossil fuel industry and its allies. The Koch-brothers funded State Policy Network, an extremist bill-mill, and its affiliate Americans for Prosperity, are providing bills and the political noise to make it appear the support is widespread. Be careful: this rollback will not make your pain go away or help you in September.

In summary,

I'm in favor of:

H7068 (Solomon et al.) on transmission spending review

H7069 (McGaw et al.) removing coal from "renewable" fuel list

H7178 (Phillips et al.) creates a solar siting task force

H7269 (Speakman et al.) allowing balcony solar

H7726 (Boylan et al.) allowing solar e-permitting and expedited issuance

H7727 (Handy et al.) creating an offshore wind procurement study commission

H7879 (Cortvriend et al.) study of thermal energy networks in Rhode Island

H7884 (Handy et al.) backstopping energy and water laws if feds roll them back

H7876 (Stewart, Tanzi) excludes nuclear power from the office of energy resources

I'm opposed strongly to:

H 7139 (Place et al.) slowing renewables programs down

H7174 (Paplauskas et al.) repealing energy efficiency charge

H7175 (Chippendale et al.) Requiring RIE to procure methane gas pipeline capacity

H7176 (Chippendale et al.) repealing Renewable Energy Growth (REG) program

H7177 (Chippendale et al.) moratorium on net metering, subsidies on heat pumps, and contracts on wind and solar

H7523 (Quattrocchi et al.) five year moratorium on REG, renewables and energy efficiency program charges on electricity bills

H7611 (Lima et al.) Gutting the Renewable Energy Standard

Thank you so much for stepping up to protect our state's precious environment. It's our constitutional right, and the decades of work you've done are at risk under the current attack.

Thank you for helping to protect our planet. ❤️

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