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Subject: **Support for H7269 (Plug-in solar).**

Dear Chair Solomon and members of the Committee, my name is Barbara K. Sullivan-Watts, Ph.D. State Coordinator for Citizens Climate Lobby, Rhode Island Chapter. I live in Kingston, RI. I am submitting testimony in support of H7269 for Portable Solar Generation Devices

As State Coordinator for the Rhode Island Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby I represent our 800+ members in their concerns about reducing the polluting emissions from burning fossil fuels that cause climate change as well as contribute to health problems including asthma. This law provides an accessible, affordable, and DIY-friendly way for homeowners and renters to lower electricity bills, fight rising utility rates, and use clean energy. Bringing a solar panel into one's home is a first class lesson in the how and why of renewable energy. It will more broadly engage the public with the value of solar power.

Utah became the first U.S. state to pass such legislation last year. Similar bills are currently pending in 25 states. This bill allows Rhode Island to join them.

At a recent meeting of our members there was great enthusiasm for this bill. Please pass it!

Sincerely,

Barbara K. Sullivan-Watts

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