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Dear Chair Solomon and honorable members of the House Corporations Committee,

My name is Kerry O'Neill. I live in Barrington, Rhode Island and serve on the Barrington Town Council.

I write you today in support of H7269. I support the use and adoption of portable solar generation devices. I urge you to pass H7269 which would remove unnecessary regulatory barriers preventing the adoption of plug-in solar panels.

Small solar systems plug directly into standard household outlets and can immediately begin reducing electricity consumption from the grid. Because they are portable and affordable, plug-in solar opens the door to clean energy for renters, apartment dwellers, and households that cannot install traditional rooftop systems.

Outdated regulations are blocking their adoption. Many utilities are demanding complicated connection agreements and permitting requirements designed for large rooftop installations. Applying those rules to small plug-in systems dramatically increases costs and prevents widespread use.

Countries such as Germany have already demonstrated the success of plug-in solar technology, with more than one million systems installed by households without widespread safety issues.

Certification standards and product testing programs already address safety concerns. Maintaining unnecessary regulatory barriers only protects utility monopolies and delays the transition to affordable clean energy.

I urge you to pass H7269 eliminating unnecessary connection agreements and streamlining permits for plug-in solar panels so that all residents, including renters, can benefit from solar power.

Please pass H7269 out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

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