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SUBJECT: Support for House Bill 7269

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House Corporations Committee Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Chair Solomon and members of the Committee,

My name is Susan Lepore, and I live in Scituate. I am submitting testimony in support of bill 7269. I first read about deck solar a couple years ago and have been researching it for over a year.

My research leads me to believe that by changing the law, individuals in Rhode Island could install their own affordable solar energy.

We have had rooftop solar for 8 years. It was expensive and took over two years and endless phone calls to get installed. We have been happy with the end result, but 4 years ago, we added an addition and our system is no longer sufficient. We looked at adding more rooftop solar, but the cost was prohibitive.

With deck solar, we could add more panels slowly and hopefully even hook them up to a battery for the inevitable times that we lose power so we could continue to run the well pump.

I am very excited about the wind power that we are now producing, but in this volatile world, I would like to be able to produce more of my own energy.

Sincerely,
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