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Subject: Support for H7523 — Five-Year Moratorium on Renewable Program Charges

To the Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives,

My name is **James Stead**, and I express my strong support for **H7523**, legislation establishing a five-year moratorium on the Renewable Energy Growth Program charge, the renewable-energy distribution charge, and the energy-efficiency public-policy charges on Rhode Islanders' electric bills.

For clarity, **H7523 is sponsored by:
Representatives Fascia, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Chippendale, and Hopkins.**

H7523 is a necessary pause that protects families, seniors, and small businesses from escalating energy-related costs while allowing the General Assembly time to evaluate the true financial impact of these programs. Rhode Islanders are facing unprecedented utility burdens, and this bill ensures that no additional charges are layered onto ratepayers without full legislative review.

Why H7523 is essential

1. Protects ratepayers from rising electricity costs

The charges passed by H7523 directly increase monthly bills. A moratorium provides immediate relief and prevents further cost escalation.

2. Restores legislative oversight

Major statewide cost drivers should not continue unchecked. H7523 ensures that elected representatives—not agencies or utilities—determine whether these charges should continue.

3. Creates space for responsible policy evaluation

A five-year pause allows the state to assess program performance, cost-effectiveness, and long-term sustainability before committing Rhode Islanders to further financial obligations.

4. Supports economic stability for households and businesses

With inflation and energy costs already straining budgets, H7523 provides predictable, meaningful relief without compromising essential services.

H7523 is a balanced, responsible measure that protects Rhode Island families and businesses while ensuring that renewable-program costs receive the scrutiny they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James Stead

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