



Representative Joseph Solomon, Chair

House Corporation Committee

Rhode Island House of Representatives

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RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Opposes H7611

Dear Chair Solomon and members of the committee,

On behalf of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and our thousands of members across Rhode Island, **I write in strong opposition to House Bill 7611** which would push out the state's Renewable Energy Standard (RES) by 11 years.

At this time, Green Energy Consumers does not support an adjustment of the Renewable Energy Standard. Rhode Island is currently not on track to meet the mandates in the Act on Climate, particularly the net-zero by 2050 mandate, and pushing out the RES will only continue to stymie emissions reductions.

The most recent climate plan required by the Act on Climate, the 2025 Climate Action Strategy, was released in December of 2025 and modeled that for successful implementation of the Act on Climate in the near term, a commitment to the current stringency of the RES, 100% clean electricity by 2033 is required. That report was based upon the current RES and that policy is the primary mechanism the state has to meet the 2030 Act on Climate mandate of 45% emissions reductions below 1990 levels. Without the emissions reductions that would be achieved under the current RES, additional progress will be needed in other sectors like transportation or buildings. Unfortunately, Rhode Island is currently not able to enforce the primary policy intended to reduce emissions from the transportation sector, and the state has not passed any policies that would reduce emissions from the building sector. The RES is the primary lever, and potentially lowest-cost lever that the state has at this time to reduce emissions, absent the passage and development of other decarbonization policies.

Additionally, the RES is an indicator that Rhode Island is a state open to clean energy investment and job growth. It represents stability regarding the types of resources the state aims to invest in, and any adjustment to its current trajectory would result in a loss of investment and jobs, significantly impacting the state's economy.

Green Energy Consumers Alliance thanks the Committee for the opportunity to testify, and strongly urges opposition to H7611.

Sincerely,

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