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To the Rhode Island House Committee on Corporations,

I am writing today to express my support for house bill 7269 relating to portable solar devices.

This bill would be an excellent step forward for empowering Rhode Islanders to make decisions which will benefit everyone in the state. The freedom to purchase portable solar devices would help us ease high energy costs. It would lighten demand on the electrical grid. It would push our climate goals forward. It would take solar from a decades-long investment only accessible by property owners to a normal home appliance anyone can use.

Personally, I have lived in rental units my whole life. While I am certainly concerned about the cost of energy and want to contribute to clean energy growth, I can't force my landlord to upgrade windows or insulation, install rooftop solar, or anything else that makes life cheaper and more sustainable for myself and my neighbors and there is precious little I can do myself to achieve those effects.

This bill would give us the agency to make a small impact on our own homes and lives without begging for the say-so of a landlord, utility, or a \$500,000 buy-in to the housing market before even purchasing capital improvements.

I ask you to support house bill 7269 and allow Rhode Island to become the second state in the country to allow balcony solar.

Sincerely,
Courtney Sowa

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