

Dear Chair Solomon and members of the House Corporations Committee,

I am writing in support of H7726, the Solar Cost Reduction Act. I am a resident of Cranston, and have had solar panels on my home since 2016.

I am one of those people who will study a thing — attend info sessions, go to webinars, do research, etc. — before trying it out, both because I'm not impulsive and I have a constrained budget. My family made the outlay for solar panels because we wanted to consume clean energy, return clean energy to the grid, and support our local economy. I have friends and neighbors who are interested in solar, but are put off by the cost.

That cost comes largely from the complex permitting process. Solar technology itself is cheap. This legislation, H7726, offers a straightforward and simple way to reduce solar permitting costs, particularly for the residential customers like my friends and neighbors.

This bill has so many positives, including:

- saving municipalities money by reducing unnecessary permitting
- lowering costs so residents can save on future electricity bills
- speeding the adoption of solar on rooftops and preserving open space
- expanding the choices Rhode Islanders have for energy consumption

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2026.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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