

Testimony FOR H 7726 Solar Cost Reduction Act

My name is Jessie Kingston, I'm retired and live in Providence.

I am in favor of this legislation which simplifies and speeds up the permitting of solar projects.

Over the years, in RI and elsewhere, many well meaning requirements, time consuming forms, signatures , waiting periods and other procedures have been put in place in construction and other arenas. This phenomenon is partly to blame, as the author notes in Why Nothing Works , a recent book by Marc Dunkleman. Dunkleman lives in Providence and writes about this topic from an historical, national perspective. While the title is a bit dramatic for effect, the problem is real and felt by many who wonder "why can't we get anything done?" And "why does everything take so long to get done?"

This bill is simple and addresses an endemic issue with which we are all familiar.