

Trafton testimony to support H7726, House Corporations Committee 3.19.2026

Dear Chair Solomon and Honorable Members of The House Corporations Committee,

I'm Peter Trafton from Providence, Rhode Island, writing in strong support of H7726, sponsored by Rep Boylan and colleagues.

The soft costs of solar panel installation systems are substantially higher in Rhode Island than elsewhere in the US and the world. This is unreasonable and inappropriate edit time when the cost of electric power is frustratingly high and when renewable energy sources are an important part of decreasing the costs of electricity primarily from fossil fuel generators. Amending Rhode Island's online E – permitting portal with automated plan review and instant permit issuance is a major step towards making rooftop solar more accessible for those Rhode Islanders with suitable homes and ability to invest in less expensive power. We should promote this industry and will do so by passing H7726. Please do so, promptly and pass it on with a strong recommendation to the full House.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PTrafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "P" and "T" being particularly prominent.

Peter Trafton