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Chairman Solomon;  
House Environmental Natural Resource Committee

RE: **Support** for H 7726

Dear Chairman Solomon:

My name is Bart Lloyd. I live in Newport and am a retired affordable housing attorney.

H 7726 would be a bill which would make significant administrative improvements for our solar industry, and for virtually no expenditures would make solar less costly and easier to obtain.

It would standardize and use technology to expedite permitting.

It would prohibit RIE from requiring any more permits than the municipal permits.

It would require RIE to promptly connect solar installations to its grid.

These requirements - all of which are currently the law in many other states - will make clean solar energy cheaper and easier to install in RI. Every watt generated by solar, decreases the demand for the natural gas that we currently use to create

electricity, and by decreasing the demand - it will decrease the price. Let's not lag behind on these issues any longer.

Accordingly - please recommend H7726 for passage to the full House, and for ultimate approval.

Thank you.

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