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Chairman Solomon;  
House Environmental Natural Resource Committee

RE: **Support** for H 7727

Dear Chairman Solomon:

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

H 77727 would create an Off-Shore Wind Policy Procurement Committee; which would be tasked with identifying impediments to off-shore wind power procurement in RI.

As of today - we have over 1,000 MegaWatts of fully federally permitted at New England Wind II. This project is not moving forward - and this committee would: 1) seek to ascertain why not, and 2) determine whether those reasons can be addressed. This is a an enormous clean energy opportunity that we should capture for the long term economic and health benefit of Rhode Islanders.

There are other off-shore wind projects, that are not quite as far along, that also could be feasible, provided the impediments are resolved. This committee would seek to play in identifying and solving those impediments as well.

Accordingly - please recommend H7727 for passage to the full House, and for ultimate approval.

Thank you.

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