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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chairman, House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

RE: H-7340 – A Resolution Respectfully Urging Rhode Island Insurers and the Rhode Island Property Insurance Association to Reduce Insurance Costs on Local Residents by Pursuing Subrogation Claims against Polluters Who Knowingly Engaged in Misleading and Deceptive Practices Regarding the Connection Between Their Products and Climate Change.

Dear Chairman Solomon:

On behalf of Rhode Island Energy, I write to express its concerns regarding H-7340. While Rhode Island Energy remains committed to supporting efforts to pursue more sustainable energy solutions in a cost-effective manner, any effort to recover financially from purveyors of fossil fuels or emission sources must be pursued with extreme care.

This resolution appears to advocate for the pursuit of certain bad actors – Rhode Island Energy is not inherently opposed to such an approach when the conduct in question is clearly fraudulent. However, our Company is concerned with the very generalized approach conveyed in this proposed Resolution and the potential implications it could have on energy customers throughout Rhode Island.

Rhode Island Energy is in the business of natural gas distribution and the distribution of power generated at facilities that may be powered by fossil fuels. Because our Company and others are in this distribution chain, policymakers should make it explicitly clear that regulated public utilities will not be penalized for delivering energy to Rhode Islanders. Furthermore, insofar as the providers of fossil fuels and/or power generation facilities are penalized financially, any recovery is likely to increase energy prices in Rhode Island at a time when local families and businesses face affordability challenges across the economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed resolution.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "NSU", written over a light blue circular scribble.

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CC: The Honorable Members of the House Corporations Committee
The Honorable June Speakman, Rhode Island House of Representatives