

February 5, 2024 Claire Stadtmueller FOR H. 7295, RI Clean Air Preservation Act

Dear Chair Bennett and Committee Members:

I owned a home in Rhode Island from 1993 to 2023, and now live in nearby Preston, CT.

Rhode Island has an historic habit of acting independently, and tonight is a wonderful opportunity for this Committee to set a precedent for other states to protect ourselves from assault in the form of misguided and dangerous experiments in regulating the sun.

Reading the document produced by the White House

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Congressionally-Mandated-Report-on-Solar-Radiation-Modification.pdf> reminds me of the margarine

commercial of years past: "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature." Indeed, mice and rats recognize how unhealthy margarine is, and won't eat it. In this much more dire case, one in which none of us nor our fellow earth dwellers have been given any choice, the White House's "cure"--Solar Radiation Modification-- is far worse than the perceived "disease" of slightly higher temperatures than in the past few hundred years. Not higher than in the history of our planet.

If we view this idea of Solar Radiation Modification from the standpoint of common sense, much as a child did in *The Emperor has no Clothes*, blocking out the sun is a dangerous idea. What about photosynthesis on which we depend for food? How about powering the ever-increasing number of solar panels? The sun disinfects, which is one reason I hang my laundry out to dry. The sun brightens our mood, and is scientifically proven to ameliorate depression.

There were *fifteen hours of sunlight* this past January. Have we consented to an experimental restriction of the very light that gives us life?

Experimental, as how can anyone be sure of the projected results? Page 15 of the document titled "Congressionally Mandated Research Plan and Initial Research Governance Framework Related to Solar Radiation Modification, June 2023" states: "A variety of unintended outcomes of SRM [solar radiation modification] are not well understood, and there may be others of which we are not aware." I object to being part of an experiment to which I did not consent,

and I object to having the wonderful flora and fauna of my property assaulted with known pollutants such as aluminum, sulfuric acid, strontium, barium.

Rhode Island passed the first gradual emancipation act after Quakers waged a campaign to abolish slavery.

On May 4, 1776, Rhode Island became the first colony to renounce allegiance to King George III of England.

Rhode Island was also the last of the 13 colonies to ratify the Constitution of the United States, preferring to limit federal power.

Let us show tonight that Rhode Islanders have the wisdom born of common sense, the independence of thought, the foresight, the love of nature, to reject this spraying of dangerous pollutants and let us act to Preserve Clean Air. The highways sport signs that read "Don't trash our Rhodes." Indeed, let's stop the trashing of Rhode Island's skies, waters and soils.

I urge you to vote YES in support of H. 7295, the Clean Air Preservation Act.

Thank you.