

February 27, 2025

Representative David A. Bennett
Chair of House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Alliance for Climate Transition Support for Bill H5343- Lead by Example

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of the Committee,

The Alliance for Climate Transition ("ACT") appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee in support of bill H.5434, the Lead by Example Bill.

ACT leads the just, equitable, and rapid transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy. It is the only organization in the Northeast that covers all of the clean energy market segments, representing the business perspectives of investors and clean energy companies across every stage of development. Our 300+ members include companies based in Rhode Island, doing business, and hoping to make future investments in the state.

The Lead by Example bill is a perfect opportunity for the state to commit to tangible steps towards achieving the decarbonizing goals established in the past few years. ACT strongly supports this bill for its requirement that the state invest in electric vehicles, as well as renewable energy and efficient technologies. The goals set in this bill are realistic and impactful, requiring the state to invest only in the process of replacing vehicles, building new infrastructure, and upgrading old buildings, meaning that these expenses would have to be made regardless. By choosing to upgrade to environmentally friendly technologies during these moments of change, Rhode Island can make cost-effective changes that maximize the overall impact of its investments.

We thank you for your consideration and commitment to supporting Rhode Island in its effort to become an energy-efficient, carbon-free state.

Sincerely,



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