

Dear Chair Bennett and members of the Committee,

I am submitting testimony in support of The Building Decarbonization Act of 2025 (H5493). To meet our Act on Climate emissions reductions, we must take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our large buildings, and passing this bill is a critical first step to start understanding building energy usage so we can develop standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Really, we should have done this about fifty years ago, but now really need this legislation more than ever. Already we have neighborhoods in Cranston, Johnston, and East Providence which we're abandoning due to frequent flooding, and we are on the frontlines of intensified hurricane seasons, all thanks to climate change. We need to do everything we can as soon as possible to reduce global temperature rise.

Thanks for your time and attention,

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