

Dear Chair Bennett and members of the Committee,

My name is David Way and I live in Lincoln RI. 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. Buildings account for 35% of GHG emissions in New England. With chaos and backsliding at the federal level, it is more important than ever that state like Rhode Island step up to do the right thing and try to slow climate change as the greatest existential threat of our time. Passing this bill is a critical first step to start understanding building energy usage so we can develop standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. I trust you will make the right decision and support this bill!

Warm Regards,  
David Way