

Dear Chair Bennett and members of the Committee,

My name is **John F. Stevenson** and I live in **Providence**. I am submitting testimony in support of The Building Decarbonization Act of 2025 (H5493).

I have been proud to be a citizen of Rhode Island, as our little state continues in the vanguard of climate-focused policy action and results. To meet our Act on Climate emissions reductions, we must take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our large buildings. Passing this bill is a critical first step to start understanding building energy usage so we can develop standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions." In my work as a social scientist I have learned that measuring the way things are is a crucial step to justifying and demonstrating change going forward – and we really need to get going on that change!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely  
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