

TO: HouseEnvironmentandNaturalResources@rilegislature.gov

SUBJECT: Support for HB 7183

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House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Rhode Island State House

82 Smith Street Providence,

Rhode Island 02903

Dear Chair Bennett and members of the Committee,

My name is Katherine Straus and I live in Cranston. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 7183. I work in clean energy, specifically on building decarbonization, and know that decarbonizing large existing buildings is crucial to meeting the State's climate bills. Without collecting baseline data through benchmarking and reporting, we will have no idea where we are and where we need to go. A bill like this would put us on par with peer states such as MA and maintain Rhode Island's leadership on climate action. Thank you for supporting HB 7183.

Sincerely,

Katherine Straus, Cranston