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Dear Committee Chairwoman and Committee Members-

My name is Jim Kingston, a retiree, and I reside in Providence, RI. I am writing in strong support of House Bills 7183, 7184, 7484, and 7623.

You have read or heard testimony on the specifics of these bills and why they are important. You are also all aware of the critical importance of The Act on Climate and why we should not throw those standards out the window solely in an election year attempt to reduce RI residents' utility bills- rather we should stay the course and remain a national leader in the fight against the climate crisis. To meet the goals in the Act on Climate, we must undertake actions such as those in the 4 above-mentioned bills.

More than a 1/3 of all climate changing gases are emitted from our buildings. These bills would help to control those emissions by reducing energy consumption and transitioning to clean, sustainable energy. As the Federal regime has amply demonstrated with its war in Iran, moving toward sustainable energy sources and a reduction in consumption of fossil fuels will also improve our national security in addition to all other benefits.

When deciding how to vote on these bills, I ask that you place more importance on how our world will be for our children and grandchildren rather than any short term concerns. Thank you for your consideration.