

Rep. David A. Bennett, Chair
House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
R.I. House of Representatives

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SUPPORT for H7184 Building Performance Standards Act of 2026

Dear Chair Bennett and Members of the Committee,

This bill is a necessary continuation of H7183, The Building Benchmarking and Reporting Act, if we expect meaningful energy efficiency, decarbonization, and money savings to take place in our building sector.

My family and I were fortunate to be able to decarbonize our home 13 years ago. We replaced our oil boiler with heat pumps, added insulation and efficient windows, improved air-sealing, installed LED's, photovoltaics and other energy saving devices. Now we are living in a much healthier environment and saving money on our energy costs. Yes, we spent a substantial amount to make the switch, but the improvements will last well into the future.

Granted, our home's improvement scope doesn't compare with a large building, but energy efficiency measures instituted now will pay dividends in the future, no matter the building's size or use.

Please pass H7184 out of committee and support it in the full House.
Thank you for reading my testimony.

Sincerely,

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