

March 24, 2026

From: A. David Larson, East Providence, RI

To: RI House Municipal Government & Housing Committee

Subject: **Support for House Bill H7081** - NEXT GENERATION PUBLIC BUILDINGS ACT

Dear Chair Casey and Members of the House Municipal Government & Housing Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 7081 - the Next Generation Public Buildings Act and I urge its passage in 2026. The technologies required to construct and operate carbon free municipal buildings are available, proven and price competitive with older fossil technology. Rhode Island's adoption of the 2024 IECC code requires new commercial buildings being all electric "ready", and the step to making a building all electric NOW is very achievable. H7081 makes needed exceptions for buildings where all electric options do not represent a low cost alternative such as lab buildings.

Thank you for ensuring that our state and local governments lead by example in the environmental sphere.