

House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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Oppose H7531

Dear Chair Bennett and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment regarding this important issue. I am a health care professional, and member of CARI.

The landmark 2021 Act on Climate (thank you to Rep Carson) established a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate but also critical requirements for oversight and public input. Efforts to repeal the Act on Climate are misguided and should be stopped. Repeal would not only cause significant operational and administrative burden, but would have significant impact on the health of Rhode Islanders.

Repealing the Act on Climate would not just be an environmental or economic shift—it would translate into measurable population health impacts, especially in a coastal, densely populated state like Rhode Island. The effects show up through heat, air quality, extreme weather, and indirect social determinants of health.

Thank you,

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cc. Rep Boylan