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Dear Chair Bennett and Honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I am submitting testimony in **opposition of H 7531**.

In the face of federal (anti) climate policy and skyrocketing fuel prices, abandoning our state's climate goals is unthinkable. This bill is a gift to [lobbyists who have been fighting Rhode Island's efforts for meaningful change](#) for decades, including Rhode Island Energy. Meanwhile, heat and electricity prices keep rising and Rhode Islanders continue to pay—with their wallets and their health.

Here is Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, [Simon Stiell](#):

“Some responses to the fossil fuel crisis, incredibly, argue for doubling down on the cause of the problem and slowing the shift to renewable energy even though it is clearly cheaper, safer, and faster to market. This is completely delusional because **history tells us, this fossil fuel crisis will happen again and again**,” Mr. Stiell said, adding that fossil fuel dependency means economies, household budgets and business bottom lines are **“at the mercy of geopolitical shocks and price volatility in a chaotic world”**.

When the federal government cut climate funding during Trump's first term, [states formed coalitions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions](#). Common sense climate goals are achievable by coalition and will save [Rhode Islanders significant amounts of money in the medium and long term](#).

I respectfully urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you,

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