



Representative David Bennett, Chair

House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives

March 25th, 2026

RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Opposes House Bill 7531

Dear Chair Bennett and members of the committee,

On behalf of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and our thousands of members across Rhode Island, **I write in strong opposition to House Bill 7531**, which would repeal the Act on Climate.

Rhode Island Is Facing Dire Impacts from Climate Change

Rhode Island is already facing, or at increased risk of disasters related to climate change including sea level rise and air pollution. In 2021 the legislature took bold action to pass the Act on Climate which set science-based, enforceable greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets. This legislation is the foundation for the states progress on emissions reductions which has been underway since.

Repealing the landmark Act on Climate (AOC) will only serve to expose residents to worsening air quality, the impacts of climate change. It would also increase our already overdependence upon fossil fuels, which we see is heightened today as a result of the war on Iran.

The state must continue to develop and implement policies that reduce statewide emissions and support adoption of highly efficient technologies like heat pumps and electric vehicles. Not only can these technologies be powered with renewable energy, but they can help users lower energy expenditures. The state also has reports (Future of Gas Technical Appendix, Energy 2035) that demonstrate how the cost of gas is projected to rise in the future and keeping residents reliant on a costly and volatile fuel source will only worsen the energy affordability crisis. In contrast, investments in local, reliable renewable energy will ensure electricity rate stabilize and energy security in the long-term. These are the resources that the state should be focused on prioritizing to not only reduce emissions but plan for a sustainable energy future.

Lastly, the state has existing programs and structures in place to address climate change and support Rhode Islander's looking to transition to electric devices, and repealing the AOC would be a shortsighted step that negatively impact all sectors of the state's economy. Green Energy Consumers Alliance strongly urges the Committee to oppose House Bill 7531.

Sincerely,

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