

Testimony in support of H5535: Sales and Use Taxes—Liability and Computation—Batteries

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To Chair Abney and the honorable Members of the House Finance Committee:

I support the bill because it provides a sales-tax exemption as an incentive to installing behind-the-meter storage batteries for solar systems.

Installing more battery storage allows to level electric loads and spikes in electric consumption and generation, which makes better use of the current grid, reduces the need for grid expansion and saves the rate payers money as a result. Increasing behind-the-meter battery storage also supports use of local and micro-grids, and increases the resilience of residents and other owners of solar systems.

The bill ultimately supports the transition from polluting fossil fuels to clean renewable electricity, as part of reaching the the RI Act on Climate 's greenhouse gas reduction mandates.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2025.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Boylan for introducing this important bill.



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