

Testimony by Peter Trafton, Providence, RI, in support of H 5779, May 13, 2025.

Dear Chair Abney and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

Rhode Island's Act on Climate mandates our complex transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. This will bring many positive values to Rhode Islanders – healthier air and living spaces, ultimately lower fuel costs, and energy sources that no longer produce greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. It's a huge investment, for planning and certainly for executing the plans.

Federal funding has been a significant source of support, and this has now been cut off by some of our national politicians.

The small fee collected to manage oil spills is collected from those who import fossil fuels into our state. This bill will add \$0.05 to that fee, bringing it to \$0.10. It's a pittance compared to our need but it's better than nothing and it will not impact fossil fuel users materially.

I urge you to support this small increase and its use to help support climate change initiatives.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PG Trafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "P" and "G" being particularly prominent.

Peter Trafton