

Written Statement in support of Article 11 in the budget

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Governor Dan McKee's proposal of Article 11 to reduce electric costs for Rhode Island residents. As a Rhode Islander, I have seen firsthand how rising utility bills are placing financial strain on families and small businesses throughout our state.

Electricity is not a luxury — it is a necessity. From heating our homes in the winter to powering essential appliances and technology, reliable and affordable energy directly impacts quality of life and economic stability. Efforts to provide rate relief and increase oversight of utility costs are critical to ensuring that Rhode Islanders are not disproportionately burdened by rising energy prices.

I appreciate the Governor's focus on affordability and accountability. Any measures that increase transparency in rate-setting, promote competitive supply options, or provide immediate relief to ratepayers deserve serious consideration and bipartisan support. Reducing electric costs will not only help households manage their budgets but will also strengthen local businesses and support overall economic growth in our state.

I respectfully urge you to support this legislation and take meaningful action to ease the financial pressure facing Rhode Islanders. Our communities need thoughtful solutions that prioritize affordability while maintaining reliable energy service.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to serving the people of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

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