

February 23, 2026

House Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI. 02903

Dear Chair Abney and members of the Committee,

I am a South Kingstown resident. I'm submitting testimony in strong opposition to Article 11, Section 3 (a cap on energy efficiency programs) and Section 8 in Article 11(a 17 year delay to the Renewable Energy Standard) on the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

To meet our Act on Climate emissions reductions, we must take firm action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support timely deployment of clean energy. These budget sections I've listed above slash investment in energy efficiency as well as clean energy and move RI further away from meeting our climate mandates. To go backwards would surely be an irresponsible decision.

Sincerely,

Kim Buckley Falcone