

Dear Chair Abney and members of the Committee,

My name is Madeline Smeaton and I live in Providence. I am submitting testimony in opposition to Sections 3 and 8 in Article 11 of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. I have personally taken advantage of the home energy assessment program. Through the program I reduced my monthly energy bill by 20 dollars with simple suggestions such as turning down the hot water and putting cover over attic entrance. These savings greatly outweigh the small savings I would receive through the new budget proposal. These budget sections slash investment in energy efficiency and clean energy and move RI further away from meeting our climate mandates.

Sincerely,

Madeline Smeaton