

Dear Chair Abney and members of the Committee,

My name is **Steven Branch**, and I live at 88 Edgehill Rd. in **Providence**. **I am submitting testimony in opposition to Sections 3 and 8 in Article 11** of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. To meet our Act on Climate emissions reductions, we must take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support deployment of clean energy. These budget sections slash investment in energy efficiency and clean energy and move RI further away from meeting our climate mandates.

I am also writing in support of Article 3 Section 16 of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. A state facilities benchmarking and building performance standards program would lead the way for our large buildings to track and report their energy usage and can help building owners reduce emissions over time.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Steven Branch