

Opposition Testimony to H7127:

Dear Chair Abney:

I have lived in Rhode Island since 1983, raised a family and three children here, and am a registered voter.

I write in opposition to H7127:

1) I object to the proposed rollback of the renewable energy standard. This is a key part of our climate strategy, it is achievable, and it is important that we meet these goals.

2) I object to adding any new or additional costs to solar projects. This is also a key part of our climate strategy. If anything - we should be making solar more accessible and more affordable. The majority of the funds spent on solar stay in RI and support jobs in RI. The majority of the funds spent on fossil fuels go to Texas and Saudi Arabia - and support jobs there.

3) I object to any reduction of funding for weatherization, or clean energy transition costs for residents and/or companies - as these reduce our energy demand - which makes the rest of our energy more affordable.

4) Clean energy is healthier for all of our residents. Natural gas is an environmental poison that makes our planet and our citizens unhealthy. We need to wean ourselves of its usage.

Thank you.

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