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Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: Bills H7506 and H7808.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Please accept my testimony in support of Bills H7506 and H7808. As a solar industry professional, working at a local family-owned company, NEC Solar, for the past 7 years, enabling affordable battery storage systems is essential to the proliferation, health and success of our industry. My livelihood depends on selling solar and battery jobs and affordability is the major roadblock. Sales tax on batteries would crush an already struggling battery industry, due to the elimination of the HEAT Loan benefits for middle income consumers. Passing this bill will help reduce costs for residential solar + battery storage installations, providing a much needed boost for an industry that employs over 15,000 RI taxpayers.

Thank you.

Regards,

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