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Representative Marvin L. Abney
Chairman, House Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903
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**RE: H-8299 JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000) TO
SUPPORT GREEN ECONOMY AND CLEAN ENERGY BOND INITIATIVES**

Dear Chairman Abney,

As Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 99, I represent over 1000 men and women who provide their skills through our vast network of signatory contractors in the Electrical Industry in the State of Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts. I also serve as one, if not the only, voice of the men and women who are not yet fortunate enough to be represented by an electrical labor union in the state of Rhode Island.

I am writing to you today in **support of H-8299**

The Act on Climate laid out a plan to make Rhode Island a renewable energy model for the Nation. One critical ingredient for that recipe to work is funding. This resolution will help to close the upfront cost gap for renewable energy, efficiency, and clean energy infrastructure. Implementing plans to secure our energy future will keep investment in the state and protect us from the exact spikes and gouging we are all experiencing right now on our own energy use.

I don't know if you could conceive off a better opportunity than family sustaining construction jobs, performed by local men and women, as they contribute to a better world. Gone can be the days of unreliable heating and cooling for our schools, businesses and housing as well as unpredictable budgeting for the cost of historical fuels.

In conclusion, I believe supporting **H-8299** is a wonderful next step towards accomplishing the goals set forth by the General Assembly to address a changing climate and controlling our energy needs right here at home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph L. Walsh, Jr.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Joseph L. Walsh, Jr. / Business Manager

cc:

Christopher O'Brien / Committee Clerk
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