

April 14, 2026

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chairman, House Finance Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

**RE: H-8299 – Joint Resolution Making an Appropriation to Support Green Economy and Clean Energy Bond Initiatives**

Dear Chairman Abney:

On behalf of Rhode Island Energy, I write in support of H-8299, which would provide funding to support certain green economy and clean energy bond initiatives. Our Company appreciates the leadership shown by Representative Cortvriend in seeking non-ratepayer sources of funding to advance clean energy investments and related public policy goals, particularly in support of utility owned and operated thermal energy network pilot projects.

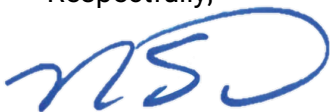
Rhode Island Energy provides essential energy services to more than 770,000 customers across the Ocean State through the delivery of electricity and natural gas. Our team of 1,300+ union and non-union employees is dedicated to helping Rhode Island customers and communities thrive, while supporting the transition to a cleaner energy future in a safe, reliable, and affordable manner.

Rhode Island Energy has been actively collaborating with the Rhode Island AFL-CIO and Climate Jobs RI on potential legislation (H-7879) to enable utility-owned, constructed and operated thermal energy networks. An important principle in this endeavor is to ensure that the State, stakeholders, and Rhode Island Energy leverage, where possible, non-ratepayer funding sources to reduce potential net impacts on customers. To the extent that H-8299 or other vehicles can result in alternative sources of funding that drive more cost-efficient outcomes for our customers, we welcome it.

Rhode Island Energy is committed to helping the state achieve its energy, economic and environmental policy goals in a more affordable manner. We look forward to collaborating with state leaders and stakeholders in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully,



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Director of Government Affairs

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee  
The Honorable Terri Cortvriend, Rhode Island House of Representatives