



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

April 7, 2026

The Honorable Robert Britto, Jr., Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce
Rhode Island Senate
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: S-2074 Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers – Regulatory Powers of Administration
S-3125 Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers – Regulatory Powers of Administration**

Dear Chairman Britto and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce,

As Governor, my top priority is affordability, and everywhere I travel across Rhode Island, I hear about the rising cost of utility bills. I hear from families struggling to keep up with monthly bills and from small businesses and manufacturers who say high energy costs are making it harder to hire, invest, and compete. These conversations make clear that Rhode Islanders deserve to know exactly what they are paying for and why their bills keep rising.

That is why I want to thank Leader Ciccone and the Senate sponsors for introducing this legislation, as well as Representative Sanchez for introducing companion legislation in the House. S-2074 and S-3125 would require electric and gas utilities to provide a clear, visual breakdown of each component of a customer's bill, including supply, distribution, transmission, ratepayer-funded programs and policies, taxes, and other charges. This added transparency will help Rhode Islanders better understand what is driving their electricity costs, including the roughly 24 percent of their bill that comes from state programs and taxes.

While we need this additional transparency, particularly when certain costs such as the Renewable Energy Standard are not clearly identified for customers, transparency alone is not enough. We must also take action to bring costs down. That's why my Affordability for All agenda focuses on lowering the state-controlled portion of utility bills, reducing costs by \$1 billion over the next five years by aligning our clean energy programs with neighboring states, reforming payment practices for utility paving projects to reduce near-term rate impacts, and eliminating bonus incentive payments to utility shareholders.

I respectfully urge the Committee to support S-2074 and S-3125 and to advance the broader Affordability for All agenda to deliver meaningful relief for Rhode Islanders. Transparency is the first step, and lowering costs is the goal. Rhode Islanders deserve both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

Daniel J. McKee

Governor