

Testimony in Opposition to S 2200

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Chairman Britto and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

I oppose Bill S 2200. This bill delays the transition to lower cost renewable energy that RI residents and businesses need and expect to happen. This bill places unnecessary hurdles and government red tape on RI residents and businesses who want and need low cost and efficient renewable energy.

The last thing RI residents and businesses need now is more regulatory friction placed in the path of transitioning quickly to renewable energy (which is now the lowest cost of energy). Look at what is happening today in the world oil and gas markets. Does delaying the renewable energy transition make this situation better. No, it doesn't. The volatility is only getting worse and this is why we need less government overreach placed in the way of the transition to renewables.

Please do not advance Bill 2200. It is not in the interest of your constituents, RI residents and RI businesses.

Thank you,

George Voutes