

Testimony in Opposition to S 2520

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Chairman Britto and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

I oppose S 2520. Requiring the PCUs to allocate a minimum of \$5,000,000 annually for use with energy efficient programs is essential. Why? RI wants, needs, and uses energy efficiency programs to lower their energy costs all the time. These programs are absolutely vital for residential and commercial use, and are second only to not using any energy at all.

Please do not advance this self- serving bill and gift to the fossil fuel companies. RI residents and businesses use these funds to help lower their high energy costs. We have an energy cost crisis and renewables and efficiency programs are the answers to lowering out energy costs.

Thank you,

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