

Testimony in Opposition to S 2521

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Chairman Britto and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

I oppose Bill S 2521. This bill moves the deadline on the Renewable Energy Standard from 2033 to 2044 (11 years). This bill is unacceptable and favors the fossil fuel companies over the wants and needs of RI residents and businesses, not to mention accelerating the climate emergency faced by humans and the natural world.

This bill kicks the RES can down the road way too far and hurts all of us (including the sponsors of the bill). It is a fallacy that delaying RES will help RI residents and businesses lower their energy costs. Look at what is happening today in the world oil and gas markets. Does delaying the RES make this better. No, it doesn't. The volatility is only getting worse.

Let's stay course with RES for 2033. Let innovation and ingenuity prevail for RES to be achieved by 2033. We can do this. We can do hard things.

Please do not advance bill 2521.

Thank you,

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