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The Honorable Robert Britto
Senate Committee on Commerce
Rhode Island State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Senate Bill 2765 - Green Buildings Act

Dear Chair Britto and Honorable Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony. On behalf of Climate Jobs Rhode Island, I write in **support** of Senate Bill 2765, the Green Buildings Act, while recommending the inclusion of a minor amendment.

Climate Jobs Rhode Island (CJRI) is a coalition of more than thirty (30) environmental, labor and community organizations committed to working together to make Rhode Island a national leader in the development of a resilient 21st century economy through a Just Transition, one that centers our frontline communities and frontline workers.

Our members range from those who represent the workers who build, repair, and maintain Rhode Island's critical infrastructure and energy systems like the RI Building and Construction Trades Council, to environmental and community organizations like The Nature Conservancy, United Way of RI, and the Childhood Lead Action Project, to name a few.

CJRI appreciates that the bill expands the scope of the Green Buildings Advisory Committee and includes labor representation through an appointment by the RI AFL-CIO. However, because the building trades workforce will play a central role in designing, constructing, and implementing the building upgrades envisioned under this legislation, we believe representation from the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council should also be included on the committee. Ensuring that workers with direct experience in building systems and construction are part of these conversations will strengthen implementation and help align climate goals with workforce development.

With this addition, CJRI urges the committee to support S2765 and help move RI forward in modernizing our buildings while supporting good-paying jobs and a strong clean energy workforce.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aislinn Hanley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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