



Senator V. Susan Sosnowski, Chair
Senate Environment & Agriculture Committee
Rhode Island Senate

April 15th, 2026

RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Support Senate Bills 2359 and 2801.

Dear Chair Sosnowski and members of the committee,

On behalf of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and our thousands of members across Rhode Island, **I write in strong support of Senate Bills 2359 and 2801.**

S2359 – Portable Solar Generation Devices

Green Energy Consumers is in support of this legislation as it would streamline the ability for Rhode Islanders to purchase and utilize portable solar devices without additional costs or requirements that would slow connection to a residence. Portable solar systems are intended to be small systems that offset a portion of a user's electricity consumption, rather than larger systems designed to offset an entire user's consumption like standard net metering systems do. Over 30 states throughout the US are seeking to support portable solar devices and two states, Utah and Virginia have passed such legislation.

Allowing the deployment of portable solar for Rhode Islanders is one way to empower residents to invest in clean energy and address rising utility costs, as these devices are designed to reduce total energy demand from a residence. They are also more accessible to lower-income residents, renters, and those living in a multifamily residence as the devices are lower cost than a rooftop solar system and do not require access to rooftop space for usage.

S2801 - Solar Cost Reduction Act.

Green Energy Consumers Alliance supports S2801 as a measure that can make solar permitting more streamlined and lower cost. Automated plan review and instant permitting for qualified systems will eliminate excess costs associated with the current administrative requirements and modernize the current permitting process.

By requiring the Office of Energy Resources to maintain a database of local permitting regulations, it will be easier for residents and installers to understand the requirements throughout the state. Automated permitting platforms make residential solar approval easier and quicker and are relatively easy to adopt.

Each of these bills would support solar development in Rhode Island making residential solar easier to access, and reducing costs associated with permitting larger solar systems. At a time when increasing renewable energy deployment is critical for the state to meet the mandates in the Act on Climate, passage of these bills will move the state towards the law.

Sincerely,

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