

Dear Committee Chairwoman and Committee Members-

My name is Jim Kingston and I reside in Providence. I am writing in SUPPORT of Senate bill 2218, as well as bills 2529, 2359, and 2801.

Re: bill 2218- it is imperative that we continue to strive to meet the goals of the Act on Climate, regardless of what our current Governor believes. As we all know, buildings account for over a third of carbon emissions here in RI. This bill would utilize the benchmarking data (see 2260) so that the Office of Energy Resources could then establish emissions reduction requirements for each building over 25,000 square feet, which over a long period of time would enable us to meet our Climate goals. By dramatically reducing carbon emissions, this bill would

- *- Improve public health

- *- Reduce energy bills

- *- Not affect homeowners, renters or small business owners

- *- Create jobs

all without dictating to building owners how to reduce their emissions.

Re: bill 2359 would enable RI residents to add affordable and portable plug-in solar panels to their home and energy needs for no cost to the state nor ratepayers- one would no longer need to install more expensive room-top solar panels to their home and renters and all others would be able to take their plug-in unit with them if they were to ever move.

I ask that you vote these bills out of Committee for a full vote on the floor.
Thank you for your consideration- Jim Kingston