

Dear Rhode Island Senators,

I am a resident of Lincoln RI. I am writing to urge your support for S2218, S2529, S2658, and S2801. These bills represent an important opportunity to strengthen Rhode Island's environmental future while also delivering practical benefits to residents, businesses, and communities across the state.

S2218, Performance Standards for large buildings, would help reduce energy waste and emissions from some of the state's biggest energy users. S2529, Next Generation Buildings, would encourage cleaner, more efficient construction that lowers long-term utility costs and improves building performance. S2658, Plug-in Solar, would make it easier for Rhode Islanders to participate in clean energy directly, expanding access to renewable power. S2801, the Solar Cost Reduction Act, would help bring solar energy within reach for more households and organizations by reducing barriers to adoption.

These measures are good for the environment because they cut pollution, support the transition to clean energy, and help Rhode Island move toward a more resilient future. They are also good for Rhode Islanders because they can lower energy bills, create local jobs, improve public health, and make our homes and buildings more comfortable and efficient. In a state that is already experiencing the effects of climate change, these bills are both responsible and forward-looking.

Rhode Island has an opportunity to lead by passing policies that protect our environment while making life better and more affordable for the people who live here. I respectfully ask you to support these bills and help build a cleaner, healthier, and more prosperous Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

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