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Testimony in support of S2529 : Next Generation Public Buildings Act

To Chair Sosnowski and honorable members of the Senate Committee on the Environment and Agriculture:

With the transition away from fossil-fuels accelerating every day, it's fiscally irresponsible for Rhode Island to continue constructing buildings that employ outdated technology. Retrofitting is much more expensive than electrifying from the start, not to mention the interim costs to our health and planet from greenhouse gas emissions.

Scientists and physicians warn that children are uniquely vulnerable to indoor air pollution, which is why combustion-free schools are especially imperative.

I respectfully urge you to support S2529.

Jessica Allen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Allen".

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