

Testimony in support of S2535: Senate Resolution—Seasonal Heat Pump Rate

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

I support the resolution because it would allow Rhode Island to follow the lead of other states that have seasonal heat pump rates that lower electricity costs for consumers by offering reduced distribution charges during colder months, and encourage clean heating.

The resolution also supports the recommendations of EC4's 2025 Climate Action Strategy, which indicates that Rhode Island needs to increase adoption of electric heating in order for the state to meet its greenhouse gas reductions goals.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2026.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Senator DiMario for introducing this important bill.



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