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SUBJECT: Support for Senate Bill No. 2801 The Solar Cost Reduction Act

Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee

Rhode Island State House

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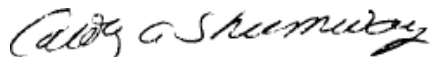
Dear Chair Sosnowski and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Caroly Shumway. I am a resident of Cumberland, RI, and an oceanographer, climate educator, and a member of the nonpartisan 800-member strong RI Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby (RICCL). **I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill No. 2801 The Solar Cost Reduction Act, and I respectfully hope that you will support it too.**

We should all be for simplifying regulations. This bill simplifies the solar permitting system across the state, by creating a statewide solar permitting platform. 4 states have already done so (CA, FL, MD, and NJ). The free app developed by the US Dept of Energy (SolarAPP+) has also been adopted by over 250 municipalities in 13 states. This would save municipalities and residents money.

I humbly ask you to consider your own legacy and do the right thing. Make RI a leader again on the environment, as it once was with our recycling initiatives. We need to act now before it's too late – for the sake of our children and future children.

Sincerely,



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