

**Trafton testimony in behalf of the Environment Council of Rhode Island supporting S2801 at the meeting of the Senate Committee on Environment & Agriculture, April 15, 2026.**

Dear Chair Sosnowski and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I'm Peter Trafton from Providence, co-VP of policy for the Environment Council of Rhode Island (ECRI) writing in **strong support of 2801**, by Senator Valverde and colleagues. This bill, if it becomes law will reduce the cost of solar energy and the amount of red tape and time required from start to finish of the process of investing in smaller solar energy. Typically, rooftop solar, these installations reduce our state's load of electricity delivered by our utilities, thus reducing energy prices for all. Their success is proven. Every Rhode Islander who is able to put one on their roof deserves a process that is quicker and easier.

ECRI, the Environment Council of Rhode Island, has reviewed 2801 and chosen to support its passage. We hope that the general assembly will as well.

Thanks very much for considering my input.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PTrafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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