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Senate Environment and Agricultural Committee

Rhode Island State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: Bills S.2801.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Please accept my testimony in support of Bill S.2801. As a solar industry professional, working at a local family-owned company, NEC Solar, for the past 7 years, streamlining the process of statewide permitting is essential to the proliferation, health and success of our industry. My livelihood depends on selling solar jobs and pleasing clients by getting them installed quickly. Passing this bill will help simplify, streamline, and reduce costs for residential solar installations, providing a much needed boost for an industry already struggling under the burden of slashing national incentives. A better permitting process at the state level will provide a much needed boost for an industry that employs over 15,000 RI taxpayers.

Thank you.

Regards,

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