

**Testimony in support of S3080: Thermal Energy Network and Job Act**

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

Thermal energy networks are one of the most efficient and clean technologies for heating and cooling buildings, especially in combination with geothermal heat pumps. Significant savings result from using this technology. The primary energy use is less than a third compared to burning oil or gas.

I support the bill because it is designed to kick-start use of thermal energy network in Rhode Island, so we don't fall further behind other states who already use the technology.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2026.

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



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