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Senate Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Chair DiPalma and Finance Committee members,

In the matter of the budget being discussed today, I am heavily opposed to sections of the budget that would hamper clean energy. Specifically, Article 11 Section 7 which would add a 17-year delay to the Renewable Energy Standard, Article 11 Section 10, which would add a grid access fee to large-scale solar, and Article 11 Section 3, which would put a cap on energy efficiency programs. These sections only serve to help the fossil fuel industry, at the cost of clean energy and the general public. Renewables bring down energy costs, protect from price spikes, and reduce pollution substantially. We should be investing more into their returns, not less.

Sincerely,
Christian Harland