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Senate Finance Committee:

It is a fallacy to connect the current high costs of energy to the cost of renewable energy and to climate action. They are separate.

1. Article 11, Section 3.

It is foolish to reduce energy efficiency programs. Even RI Energy has documented annually that every dollar they have invested in efficiency has already saved two to three dollars. And efficiency investments pay forever into the future, because the absolutely cheapest energy is energy that you do NOT need to buy at all !!

2. Article 11, Section 7.

Rhode Island must NOT stretch out the timeline of compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard (RES). Most certainly NOT by extending compliance with the RES by 17 years, from 2033 to 2050. That shortsighted action would prolong reliance on costly unreliable out-of-state fossil fuels, for which the delivery costs will skyrocket due to aging infrastructure.

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