

Dear Chair DiPalma and members of the Committee,

My name is Emily Diamond and I live in South Kingstown. I am submitting testimony **in opposition to Sections 3, 7 and 10 in Article 11** of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. To meet our Act on Climate emissions reductions, we must take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support deployment of clean energy. These budget sections slash investment in energy efficiency and clean energy, and move RI further away from meeting our climate mandates.

I am also writing **in support of Article 3 Section 16** of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. To meet our Act on Climate emissions reductions, we must take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our building sector. A state facilities benchmarking and building performance standards program would lead the way for our large buildings to track and report their energy usage and can help building owners reduce emissions over time.

Finally, I think it is important to extend funding for clean energy. **Regarding Article 6 Question 5 of the Budget**, a bond is not a sustainable or consistent source of funding. I encourage the Legislature to find a more consistent source of clean energy funding.

Sincerely,

Emily Diamond

South Kingstown, RI resident and voter