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VIA EMAIL (HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)

The Honorable Sen. Louis DiPalma
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: *Support for H 7127 – Governor’s Budget Amendment #7 – Article 11, Section 10*

Dear Sen. DiPalma,

My name is Michael Lucini. I am a resident of Warren, and the President of Endurance Clean Energy in Bristol. Our company develops community and net-metering solar projects throughout the region. I write in support of the amended Article 11, Section 10 of H 7127 regarding remote net-metering.

The amended budget article does not force detrimental retroactive changes upon operational remote net-metering systems or those in mature development. Development-phase projects are especially important to consider because they comply with improved siting requirements established in the 2023 net-metering law.

We are planning a 3.66-megawatt solar project in Smithfield that will break ground this summer. This project is sited on a former quarry and adjacent to a Superfund site and is therefore a “preferred site” under the law. The budget article provides the certainty we need to finance this outstanding project through construction to commercial operation.

The amendment is prudent and timely given ongoing federal upheaval. Solar developers are working diligently to secure the expiring federal investment tax credit for their projects. This is a critical federal subsidy for our state’s infrastructure.

We always remain willing to engage with stakeholders, regulators, and legislators to examine clean energy programs in good faith and on a forward-looking basis.

Sincerely,

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