

February 10, 2026

To: Senate Finance Committee

From: Glenn Rhodes, Owner/Operator of Go Green with Glenn

Subject: OPPOSITION: Energy & Efficiency Rollbacks (FY27 Budget)

Chairperson Pearson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Glenn Rhodes, owner of Go Green with Glenn. Since 2018, I have helped Rhode Islanders achieve energy independence. I am writing to urge you to reject the proposed energy rollbacks in the FY27 budget. These changes protect utility monopolies while punishing Rhode Island ratepayers and local businesses.

As a clean energy professional and licensed stakeholder, I oppose:

- The "Solar Tax": The proposed grid access fees and net-metering changes are a direct penalty on families taking responsibility for their own power. We should be rewarding energy independence, not disincentivizing it to protect RI Energy's bottom line.
- Job Destruction: Moving the Renewable Energy Standard to 2050 "kicks the can down the road" and creates market instability that will devastate the local solar workforce. This isn't just a climate issue; it's an economic crisis for the small businesses that keep RI's green economy running.
- Artificially Capping Efficiency: Capping energy efficiency programs at \$75 million—roughly half of previous levels—will cause long-term rate hikes. Efficiency is the cheapest way to lower bills; cutting it is a gift to fossil fuel importers.

This budget betrays the Act on Climate and undermines the "Energy with Integrity" I promise my clients. I urge the Committee to preserve the 2033 RES deadline and maintain robust funding for efficiency.

Respectfully,

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