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

My Opposition to Delaying the Renewable Energy Standard, and Adding a Grid Access Fee for Solar

Regarding the Senate Hearing on the Budget, Article 11, Section 7

Dear Chair DiPalma and Finance Committee Members,

My name is Jim Sedgwick, and I'm a seventy-year-old engineer living in West Warwick. I'm a registered voter and I'm horrified to hear that the RI Senate wants to delay the Renewable Energy Standard by 17 years. If we have any hope of surviving environmental catastrophes tomorrow, then we need to make progress today. Putting off clean energy legislation for two decades will lead us into an expensive nightmare that promises to be far worse than we're seeing now.

Also:

Article 11, Section 10

Please do not consider creating a grid access fee for large-scale solar. It's essential that we don't impede progress on this vital and necessary power source.

Article 11, Section 3

No good will come from putting a cap on energy efficiency programs. We desperately need to push hard for energy efficiency and do it now. We cannot afford to put this off for another year.

Sincerely, Jim Sedgwick,

West Warwick