



February 10, 2026

Senate Committee on Finance  
Rhode Island General Assembly  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: Luminace's Opposition to H7127 – Article 11: Relating to Affordability**

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Finance,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on behalf of Luminace regarding **H7127 – Article 11: Relating to Affordability**, scheduled for consideration at the Committee's February 10, 2026 meeting. Luminace is a leading provider of decarbonization-as-a-service solutions for commercial, industrial, and public sector customers. We own and operate more than 1.3 GW of zero-carbon electricity generation resources, primarily distributed solar generation serving commercial and industrial power purchasers.

Luminace recognizes the significant energy affordability challenges facing Rhode Island residents and appreciates the General Assembly's commitment to addressing it. However, Luminace **strongly opposes the provisions in Article 11**, which we believe would ultimately undermine—not advance—the State's affordability and clean energy goals.

Article 11 proposes to impose new “grid access fees” and reduce net-metering compensation for existing solar projects over 1 megawatt. These retroactive charges would not only penalize fully financed and operational solar assets but also jeopardize the broader solar industry's long-term financial and business confidence in Rhode Island as a reliable state for investments.

Revising compensation rules for projects already built and operational would significantly disrupt their financial viability and erode trust among investors. At a time when Rhode Island should be expanding clean energy supply to enhance affordability and grid resilience, these provisions would have the opposite effect—it would discourage future development and exacerbate the energy affordability challenges they are intended to address.

Furthermore, there is no basis for imposing “grid access fees” to offset distribution costs associated with net-metered systems. Solar projects are already required to fund necessary interconnection upgrades at the time of construction. Applying additional charges now amounts to double-charging these assets, which is unfair to both project investors and Rhode Island customers.

Luminace urges the General Assembly to adopt a comprehensive, forward-looking approach to addressing energy affordability. While grid access fees and reduced compensation may yield short-term revenue adjustments, they do not provide the durable, and long-term solutions that Rhode Island needs. For these reasons, Luminace respectfully and strongly urges the Committee to oppose the provisions in Article 11.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for further discussion.

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