

Opposition to Article 11, Sections 3, 10, and 11

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Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Chair DiPalma and Finance Committee Members

I am opposed to Article 11, Section 3, which puts forth a cap on energy efficiency programs. Putting a cap on these programs will ensure that money will continued to be provided towards the outdated and harmful fossil fuel industry. I am also opposed to Article 11, Section 10. A grid access fee being placed on large scale solar will restrict the use of renewable solar power to those wealthy enough to afford its cost. Finally, I am opposed to Article 11, Section 7. A 17 year delay to the Renewable Energy Standard would once again kick the urgent problem of climate change down the road. Climate change needs to be addressed now before it seriously endangers people in Rhode Island. We can't keep pushing this problem back several years.

Sincerely

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