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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 S 3272 – An Act Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers –
Renewable Energy Standard***

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 S 3272 regarding remote net-metering.

We also submitted testimony in support of H 7127 (Governor’s Budget Amendment #7), which establishes an opt-in tariff for remote net-metering facilities. We believe S 3272 provides a further improvement, in that the tariff becomes a contract that is also extended an additional five years at a reduced rate, and the program cap reduction is lessened.

The first two changes provide more security for owner-operators and therefore make it more appealing to opt-in, improving the effectiveness of H 7127 to reduce program costs. The larger cap enables even greater development, investment, and employment in our state’s clean energy industry. Importantly, the passage of S 684 in 2023 improved siting restrictions for new projects.

For example, 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. This bill S 3272 would enable us to continue developing high-quality projects such as this.

Sincerely,

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